



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

November 17, 2008

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

MR. DAVID M. MIHALICK  
THOR STANDARDS COMPLIANCE MANAGER  
THOR CALIFORNIA, INC.  
419 WEST PIKE STREET  
JACKSON CENTER, OH 45334-0629

NVS-215kjs  
06V-208

Dear Mr. Mihalick:

Thor California, Inc. (Thor) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 06V-208 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 64,000 MY 1997-2006 Thor California Jazz, Mirage, Tahoe, Vortex, and Wanderer recreational vehicles. On certain travel and fifth wheel trailers equipped with Suburban and Atwood furnaces, the furnace exhaust vent was improperly installed. The furnace exhaust vent will allow leakage of fumes which contain combustion products, including a high concentration of potentially lethal carbon monoxide gas. Owner notification began on June 16, 2006. In Thor's sixth reporting quarter, Thor reports that of the 64,000 vehicles involved, 51,788 have not been remedied.

Thor should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

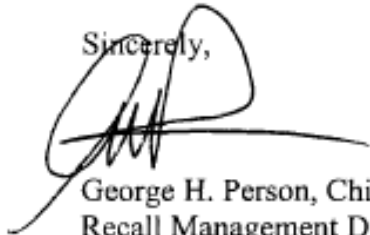
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Thor should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Thor's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."

- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Thor is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
  - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
  - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
  - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
  - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Thor's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 16, 2008.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ric Willard at (202) 366-6544, [richard.willard@dot.gov](mailto:richard.willard@dot.gov) or Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227, [Kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

George H. Person, Chief  
Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement