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NVS-215dgl
07V-282

Subject: RAMP DOOR LATCH

Dear MR. MIHALICK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

THOR CALIFORNIA/VORTEX/2005-2006
THOR CALIFORNIA/TRANSPORT/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-282

Mfg's Report Date: June 19, 2007

Components: LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:DOORS:LATCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 171

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAILERS, THE LOCK OF THE SIDE RAMP DOOR MAY NOT BE PROPERLY LATCHED BY THE CONSUMER, COULD FAIL TO LOCK PROPERLY, OR THE ATTACHING HARDWARE COULD COME LOOSE.

Consequence:

ANY OF THESE THREE POSSIBILITIES COULD RESULT IN THE DOOR OPENING UPWARDS WHILE IN TRANSIT. THE OPENING OF THIS RAMP DOOR COULD IMPACT NEARBY PERSONS OR OBJECTS RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY OR VEHICLE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND INSTALL A NEW STYLE RAMP DOOR THAT SWINGS DOWN ALONG WITH DIFFERENT STYLE DOOR HANDLES AND LATCHES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2007. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT THOR CALIFORNIA AT 888-697-8467.

Notes:

THOR RECALL NO. 137006. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

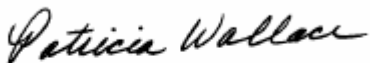
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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