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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-646

SUBJECT: LP GAS TANK

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Thor Industries' on behalf of Thor Motor Coach (TMC) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:

TMC/FOUR WINDS 5000/2011

TMC/CHATEAU SPORT/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-646

Mfg's Report Date: December 17, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: LPG TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12

Summary:

TMC IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 FOUR WINDS 5000 AND CHATEAU SPORT VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 26, 2010 THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2010. THESE VEHICLES DO NOT HAVE THE REQUIRED HEAT SHIELD LOCATED IN THE PROPER PLACE NEXT TO THE LP GAS TANK. WITHOUT THE HEAT SHIELD IN PLACE, HEAT IS NOT PROPERLY DISSIPATED AROUND THE EXHAUST OF THE VEHICLE. THIS POTENTIALLY COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR PROPERLY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL RELOCATE THE HEAT SHIELD TO THE PROPER LOCATION ON THE CHASSIS TO PROTECT THE LP TANK. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THOR MOTOR COACH AT 877-500-1020.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement