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**VIA E-MAIL  
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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(2 Pages)

Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Thor Motor Coach  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain motorhomes manufactured by Thor Motor Coach (TMC) were built with a defect that has been determined to be safety related.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The motorhomes built with the safety defect are as follows:

<u>Model Name</u>	<u>Model Years Affected</u>
Four Winds 5000	2011
Chateau Sport	2011

These motorhomes were built between 10/26/10 and 11/11/10. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 12.

- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign 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. In the event of a fire, there is a potential for property damage, personal injury or death.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. TMC discovered that the required heat shield was not in the correct place during routine Quality inspection.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The Recall campaign to be implemented by TMC to remedy the safety defect will include notification to all registered owners of the subject motorhomes, including but not limited to all dealers with such motorhomes in their inventory. The heat shield will be relocated to the proper

- location on the chassis to protect the LP tank. As will be set forth in the registered owner notification letter, this defect will be corrected by TMC at no expense to the owner. Only one motorhome is retail sold at this time.
- E. Owner Notifications. TMC will notify owners of the motorhomes of the safety defect. A copy of the Owner's notification letter is attached for approval.
  - F. Dealer Notifications. TMC will notify all TMC dealers of the safety defect. A copy of the Dealer's bulletin is attached for approval.
  - G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. TMC will be filing quarterly reports as required by Part 573.7 of Title 49 the Code of Federal Regulations.
  - H. Campaign Number. As this time, TMC does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. TMC will use the identification number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of TMC with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of TMC in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363 or contact TMC directly at 877-855-2867.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Thor Industries  
Standards Compliance Manager