



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
11V-058

SUBJECT: FUEL FILL CAP ASSEMBLIES/WORKHORSE/NAVISTAR

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:

DAMON/CHALLENGER/2007-2010

DAMON/DAYBREAK/2007-2011

DAMON/OUTLAW/2007-2009

FOUR WINDS/HURRICANE/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-058

Mfg's Report Date: January 25, 2011

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: STORAGE: TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 371

Summary:

THOR MOTOR COACH IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2010 DAMON CHALLENGER, MODEL YEAR 2008-2009 CHALLENGER PLATINUM, MODEL YEAR 2007-2011 DAYBREAK, MODEL YEAR 2010 DAYBREAK CLASSIC, MODEL YEAR 2009-2010 DAYBREAK SPORT, MODEL YEAR 2007-2009, OUTLAW AND MODEL YEAR 2011 FOUR WINDS HURRICANE, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 2007, THROUGH AUGUST 2008. THE FUEL-FILL CAP ASSEMBLIES USED TO SEAL THE UNUSED SIDE OF THE DUAL-FILL GASOLINE FUEL TANK WERE PRODUCED WITH A HOSE MATERIAL THAT DID NOT MEET DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS. DURING NORMAL USAGE THE HOSE MATERIAL MAY DETERIORATE WHICH MAY RESULT IN FUEL LEAKS.

Consequence:

A FUEL LEAK INCREASES THE RISK OF A FIRE WHICH MAY RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

Remedy:

NAVISTAR/WORKHORSE IS HANDLING THE REMEDY AND OWNER NOTIFICATION FOR THIS CAMPAIGN PLEASE SEE NAVISTAR/WORKHORSE'S DEFECT REPORT 10V-348. NAVISTAR/WORKHORSE WILL REPLACE THE ORIGINAL FUEL-FILL CAP ASSEMBLIES WITH ONES ASSEMBLED WITH HOSE MATERIAL THAT MEETS DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NAVISTAR AT 1-260-461-1890.

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.

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 your report, Workhorse will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Workhorse's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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 cursive script that reads "Kelly Schuber" followed by a horizontal line and the word "for".

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