



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

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NVS-215kjs
11V-442

SUBJECT: WINDSHIELD WIPER

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

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

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:	Mfg's Report Date: August 18, 2011
DAMON/ASTORIA/2010-2011	
DAMON/ESSENCE/2010-2011	
DAMON/TUSCANY/2010-2011	
THOR MOTOR COACH/ASTORIA/2011-2012	
THOR MOTOR COACH/TUSCANY/2011-2012	

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-442

Components: VISIBILITY:WINDSHIELD WIPER/WASHER:MOTOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 332

Summary:

THOR MOTOR COACH (TMC) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 DAMON TUSCANY, ASTORIA, AND ESSENCE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND MODEL YEAR 2011 AND 2012 TMC TUSCANY AND ASTORIA RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM MAY 7, 2009, THROUGH AUGUST 12, 2011. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR THE WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTOR IS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE LOAD. THE BREAKER SHOULD HAVE A 15 AMP RATING, HOWEVER THE VEHICLE WAS BUILT WITH ONE RATED AT 10 AMPS.

Consequence:

THE WINDSHIELD WIPER WILL STOP OPERATING IF THE BREAKER TRIPS DUE TO A CIRCUIT OVERLOAD. IF THIS OCCURS, THE DRIVER'S FIELD OF VISION MAY BE REDUCED, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

TMC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL EXCHANGE THE BREAKER WITH A 15-AMP ONE, FREE OF CHARGE. TMC HAS NOT PROVIDED AN EXPECTED START DATE FOR THE RECALL. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TMC WARRANTY/SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 1-877-855-2867.

Notes:

TMC'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS RC000040. 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).

We have received TMC's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please 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).

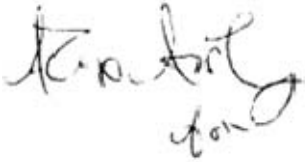
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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 "Richard Willard". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Richard Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement