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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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11V-459

SUBJECT: EXHAUST TOO CLOSE TO STORAGE COMPARTMENT

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Thor Industries' on behalf of Thor Motor Coach 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:

THOR MOTOR COACH/WINDSPORT/2011-2012
THOR MOTOR COACH/HURRICANE/2011-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-459

Mfg's Report Date: AUGUST 31, 2011

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: EXHAUST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 246

Summary:

THOR MOTOR COACH (TMC) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 WINDSPORT AND HURRICANE MOTOR HOMES MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2010, THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2011. ON THESE VEHICLES, THE EXHAUST SYSTEM IS CLOSE TO A VEHICLE STORAGE COMPARTMENT. HEAT CAN BUILD UP IN THIS AREA.

Consequence:

HEAT BUILD UP COULD RESULT IN A FIRE, PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

TMC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A HEAT SHIELD TO PROTECT THE STORAGE COMPARTMENT FROM THE HEAT GENERATED BY THE EXHAUST. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TMC AT 1-877-855-2867.

Notes:

THOR MOTOR COACH'S SAFETY RECALL NUMBER IS RC000042. 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 your 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).

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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, 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 "Richard Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "W".

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