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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 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>
Freedom Elite Model 26E	2012

These motorhomes were built between February 1, 2011 and February 16, 2011. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 50.

- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign have brackets attaching the gray water tank to the vehicle that are not properly attached to the tank. Under normal driving conditions the tank can loosen and potentially fall off of the vehicle creating a road hazard that increases the risk of personal injury or property damage. There have been no reports of injuries.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Thor Motor Coach was notified by the rental company that owns all of the vehicles included in this recall. It reported two cases of tanks falling out to Thor Motor Coach. Upon investigation, it was discovered the brackets were not properly attached to the tank during installation allowing it to come loose during normal road usage.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The Recall campaign to be implemented by Thor Motor Coach 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. New tank support brackets will be installed on the subject vehicles. As will be set forth in the registered owner notification letter, this defect will be corrected by Thor Motor Coach at no expense to the owner.
- E. Owner Notifications. Thor Motor Coach will notify owners of the motorhomes of the safety defect. A copy of the Owner's notification letter will be sent shortly for approval.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Thor Motor Coach will be filing quarterly reports as required by Part 573.7 of Title 49 the Code of Federal Regulations.
- G. Campaign Number. As this time, Thor Motor Coach does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Thor Motor Coach will use the identification number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Thor Motor Coach with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Thor Motor Coach in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363 or contact Mark Stanley at Thor Motor Coach directly at 877-500-1020 ext. 2095.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager