

THOR
INDUSTRIES, INC.

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April 20, 2011

VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

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, Inc.
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thor Motor Coach has been notified by Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between January 2005 and April 2010 inclusive. DTNA has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 10V-178 to the DTNA recall campaign.

Pursuant to 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 DTNA chassis that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, DTNA has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. Thor Motor Coach will provide DTNA with a list of dealers and owners to assist DTNA in remedying the defect. DTNA will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by DTNA have been used on the following motorhomes:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Damon	Outlaw	2008-2010
Damon	Avanti	2011

These motorhomes were manufactured between August 2007 and November 2010.

The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 68.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain stop lamps that may be intermittent during light braking applications. The stop lights may not properly indicate that the service brakes are applied which may lead to a crash without warning.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Thor Motor Coach received notification from DTNA that the defect with the chassis exists.

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- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by DTNA in connection with recall campaign 10V-178, DTNA will correct the chassis if found to be defective. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact DTNA in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by DTNA. DTNA will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 10V-178. DTNA has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. DTNA will notify the owner's of the motorhomes on behalf of Thor Motor Coach. A copy of the owner's notification letter was submitted with recall 10V-178.
- F. Dealer Notifications. DTNA will notify the Dealer's of the motorhomes on behalf of Thor Motor Coach. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter was submitted with recall 10V-178.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. DTNA will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 10V-178. Because the information included by DTNA in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Thor Motor Coach motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, Thor Motor Coach will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- H. Campaign Number. Thor Motor Coach does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Thor Motor Coach will use the recall campaign 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 Mark Stanley at Thor Motor Coach at (877) 500-1020 EXT. 2095.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick

Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager