



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

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NVS-2151rd
12V-012

SUBJECT: INCORRECT WHEEL CAP CENTER /LOOSE WHEELS

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Thor Industries Inc.'s (Thor) 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:
DUTCHMEN/RUBICON/2012
DUTCHMEN/VOLTAGE/2012

Mfg's Report Date: January 12, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-012

Components: WHEELS:CAP/COVER/HUB

Potential Number of Units Affected: 437

Summary:

THOR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 DUTCHMEN VOLTAGE AND RUBICON TRAILERS, MANUFACTURED FROM JULY 19, 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 2011. THE TRAILER WHEELS MAY NOT BE FULLY SEATED ON THE HUB AND THEREFORE MAY LOOSEN AND POTENTIALLY DETACH FROM THE TRAILER.

Consequence:

WHEEL SEPARATION CAN LEAD TO LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE TRAILER INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH. A DETACHED WHEEL ALSO POSES A RISK OF INJURY TO PEDESTRIANS AND OTHER VEHICLES.

Remedy:

THOR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE WHEELS, AND REPAIR THE TRAILERS AS NECESSARY, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 20, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THOR INDUSTRIES, INC. AT 1-937-596-6849.

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).

We have received Thor'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 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after 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,

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Timian in black ink, consisting of a stylized first name and a last name.

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