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12V-040

**SUBJECT: C2 GRID HEATER RELAY WIRING**

**DEAR MR. MIHALICK:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Thor Industries', on behalf of Champion Bus, (Champion) 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:**  
CHAMPION/M1235/2011-2012

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 2, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-040

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 30

**Summary:**

CHAMPION BUS (CHAMPION) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 M1235 TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 9, 2011, TO NOVEMBER 18, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH A FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS (FCCC). THE GRID HEATER GROUND WIRE MAY CONTACT THE RELAY POWER TERMINAL AND RUB AND CHAFE POTENTIALLY RESULTING IN A SHORT CIRCUIT.

**Consequence:**

AN ELECTRICAL FAULT OR SHORT CIRCUIT COULD CAUSE A VEHICLE FIRE.

**Remedy:**

FCCC WILL NOTIFY THE OWNERS, AND INSPECT TO ENSURE THE GRID HEATER RELAY GROUND WIRE IS CORRECTLY ROUTED AND MODIFY AS REQUIRED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE CLEARANCE WITH THE POWER TERMINAL. THE REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY FCCC AUTHORIZED FACILITIES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHAMPION AT 1-810-724-6474.

**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).

As stated in your report, Freightliner Custom Chassis will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Freightliner Custom Chassis's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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](mailto:Delia.Lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement