



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

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12V-066

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/2010
THOR MOTOR COACH/HURRICANE/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-066

Mfg's Report Date: February 20, 2012

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: EXHAUST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 165

Summary:

THOR MOTOR COACH (TMC) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 WINDSPORT AND HURRICANE MOTOR HOMES MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 27, 2009, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2010. 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. TMC HAS NOT PROVIDED NHTSA WITH A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. 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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

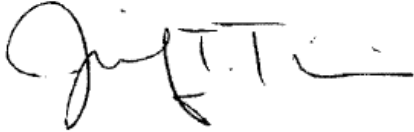
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Edison.Thompson@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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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