



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. DAVID MIHALICK
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THOR INDUSTRIES
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JACKSON CENTER, OH 45334

NVS-215JN
12V-469

Subject: TURBOCHARGER/COMPRESSOR WHEEL FAILURE

Dear Mr. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge THOR INDUSTRIES's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

ELDORADO/AXESS/2005, 2008
ELDORADO/E-Z RIDER II/2006
ELDORADO/E-Z RIDER II MAX/2007-2008
ELDORADO/TRANSMARK XHF/2008

Mfr's Report Date: September 25, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-469

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:OTHER FUEL TYPES:TURBO-CHARGER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 102

Problem Description:

Eldorado National-California (Eldorado) is recalling certain model year 2006-2008 vehicles equipped with John Deere Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) turbocharged engines. The turbine or compressor wheel may fail, resulting in subsequent damage to the engine and/or an oil leak.

Consequence:

Failure of the turbine or compressor wheel may result in smoke, fire, and stalling, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Eldorado will notify owners and dealers. The remedy for this issue is still under development. Eldorado has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Eldorado National at 905-591-9557 or Thor Industries at 937-596-7965.

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>.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

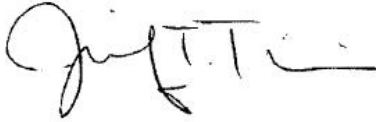
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a 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. Also, 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 your 573, John Deere will be filing the quarterly reports for this recall. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Thor Industries/Eldorado is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if John Deere's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Thor Industries/Eldorado to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

Your contact for this recall will be Joshua Neff who may be reached by phone at 202-366-0698, or by email at joshua.neff@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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