



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

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Mr. David Mihalick
Standards Compliance Manager
Thor Motor Coach
419 W. Pike Street
Jackson Center, OH 45334

NVS-215KS
12V-574

Subject: Brake Lights & Cruise Control Issues

Dear Mr. Mihalick:

This letter serves to acknowledge Thor Motor Coach'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:

THOR MOTOR COACH/ASTORIA/2011
THOR MOTOR COACH/MONTECITO/2011
THOR MOTOR COACH/PALAZZO/2013
THOR MOTOR COACH/TUSCANY/2011-2013
THOR MOTOR COACH/ULTRASPORT/2011

Mfr's Report Date: December 10, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-574

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS
VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL: CRUISE CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 727

Problem Description:

Thor Motor Coach (Thor) is recalling certain model year 2011 through 2013 Tuscany, Astoria, Ultrasport, Montecito, and Palazzo recreational vehicles manufactured from May 17, 2010, through October 30, 2012, built on Freightliner brand XB and XC custom chassis. The vehicles are equipped with diode jumpers that may come loose in their connectors resulting in an open circuit. Two circuits are affected: The one that disengages the cruise control with brake pedal use, and the one that illuminates the brake lights with brake pedal use.

Consequence:

Failure of the cruise control to disengage when the brakes are applied may increase the risk of a vehicle crash. Without the brake lights illuminating when the brakes are applied, the driver's intent is not communicated, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Daimler Trucks (DTNA) will notify owners on behalf of Thor, and Freightliner dealers will inspect the diode jumpers to make sure they are fully locked in place and will correct the vehicles as needed. The recall is expected to begin January 28, 2013. Owners should contact DTNA Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time Monday through



Friday, e-mail address DTNA.Warranty.Campaigns@Daimler.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP after normal business hours.

Notes:

DTNA's recall campaign number is FL-634. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

As stated in your report, we understand that DTNA will be conducting this safety recall and filing quarterly status reports.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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