

December 10, 2012

VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Thor Motor Coach
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thor Motor Coach (TMCRV) has been notified by Freightliner Custom Chassis (FCCC) concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between January 1, 2010 and September 20, 2012. FCCC has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this defect. NHTSA has assigned recall number 12V-552 to the FCCC recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain buses manufactured by TMCRV were built with FCCC chassis that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, FCCC has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. TMCRV will provide FCCC with a list of dealers and owners to assist FCCC in remedying the defect. FCCC will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by TMCRV.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Tuscany	2011- 2013
Astoria	2011
Ultrasport	2011
Montecito	2011
Palazzo	2013

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 727.
These vehicles were built between May 17, 2010 and October 30, 2012.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the defective chassis. The chassis may have a brake and cruise control signal diode jumper connector that is not fully seated. Excessive heat shrink used to protect the diode may have prevented them from fully locking in place, potentially allowing the connector(s) to come loose over time resulting in intermittent or continuous open circuit. Two separate circuits are potentially affected: one circuit disengages the cruise control with the brake pedal activation, and the other circuit illuminates the brake lights with brake pedal application. Failure of the cruise control to disengage or of the brake lights to illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed may lead to a crash resulting in personal and property damage.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. TMCRV was notified by FCCC of the defect on December 5, 2012.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As outlined in the FCCC recall 12V-552, the remedy is to inspect and ensure the locking tabs on the diode jumpers are fully engaged and locked in place. This inspection and remedy will be done at no cost to the owner.
- E. Owner and Dealer Notifications. FCCC will notify the owners and dealers of the motorhomes on behalf of TMCRV. Copies of these letters will be submitted by FCCC for approval with recall 12V-552.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. FCCC will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 12V-552. Because the information included by FCCC in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the TMCRV buses subject to this recall campaign, TMCRV will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. Campaign Number. TMCRV does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. TMCRV will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of TMCRV with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of TMCRV in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Mark Stanley at TMCRV directly at (877) 500-1020 EXT. 2095.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager