



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 10, 2014

Mr. David Mihalick  
Thor Motor Coach  
419 W Pike St  
Jackson Center, OH 45334

NVS-215MR  
14V-695

**Subject:** Awning Mounting Brackets may Crack

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/CHATEAU/2015  
THOR/CHATEAU CITATION/2015  
THOR/FOUR WINDS 5000/2015  
THOR/FOUR WINDS SIESTA/2015  
THOR/FREEDOM ELITE/2015  
THOR/HURRICANE/2015  
THOR/MIRAMAR/2015  
THOR/WINDSPORT/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 30, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-695

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 215

**Problem Description:**

Thor Motor Coach (Thor) is recalling certain model year 2015 Four Winds 5000, Hurricane, Miramar, Chateau Citation, Chateau, Four Winds Siesta, Windsport, and Freedom Elite motorhomes manufactured August 7, 2014, to October 17, 2014. The affected motorhomes have awnings whose mounting brackets may crack, and the awnings may fall.

**Consequence:**

If an awning falls, there is an increased risk of injury to anyone under the awning.

**Remedy:**

Thor has notified owners, and dealers will replace the defective mounting brackets, free of charge. The recall began on November 10, 2014. Owners may contact Thor customer service at 1-877-855-2867. Thor's number for this recall is RC000095.

**Notes:**

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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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 the first name being more prominent.

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