



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 30, 2015

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

NVS-215KS
15V-698

Subject: Transfer Switch may Overheat

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:

FOUR WINDS/HURRICANE/2009-2011
FOUR WINDS/MAGELLAN/2010
FOUR WINDS/MANDALAY/2009-2010
FOUR WINDS/SERRANO/2010-2011
FOUR WINDS/WINDSPORT/2009-2011

Mfr's Report Date: October 21, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-698

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 503

Problem Description:

Thor Motor Coach (TMC) is recalling certain model year 2009-2011 Four Winds Hurricane and Windsport, 2009-2010 Four Winds Mandalay, 2010 Four Winds Magellan, and 2010-2011 Four Winds Serrano motorhomes manufactured May 2, 2009, to September 1, 2010. The affected vehicles are wired to be powered by a generator and are equipped with an Iota ITS-50R transfer switch that may fail when exposed to elevated electrical loads and used in higher ambient temperatures.

Consequence:

As the transfer switch fails, it may overheat, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

TMC will notify owners, and dealers will replace the Iota ITS-50R transfer switch with a transfer switch from another manufacturer, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 30, 2015. Owners may contact Thor customer service at 1-877-855-2867. Thor's number for this recall is RC000106.

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.

We have received TMC's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 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,



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