



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

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Washington, DC 20590

March 23, 2016

Mr. David Mihalick  
Thor Motor Coach  
419 W Pike St  
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NVS-215MR  
16V-139

**Subject:** Heat from Exhaust may Melt Storage Compartment

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/HURRICANE/2014-2016  
THOR/WINDSPORT/2014-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 4, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-139

**Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 385

**Problem Description:**

Thor Motor Coach (TMC) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 Hurricane and Windsport motor homes manufactured January 30, 2013, to March 6, 2015. In the affected motor homes, the vehicle exhaust is located near a storage compartment where heat may build-up, causing the compartment to melt.

**Consequence:**

Heat build-up in the vehicle storage compartment increases the risk of fire.

**Remedy:**

TMC will notify owners, and dealers will install a heat shield to prevent heat build-up in the storage compartment. The recall will begin in March 2016. Owners may contact TMC customer service at 1-877-855-2867. TMC's number for this recall is RC000112.

**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).

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The information in your report suggests that TMC's may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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 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