



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 17, 2016

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

NEF-150MR
16V-329

Subject: Chassis Battery Cable Improperly Installed

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/TUSCANY/2017
THOR MOTOR COACH/TUSCANY ZTE/2017
THOR MOTOR COACH/VENETIAN/2017

Mfr's Report Date: May 13, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-329

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 44

Problem Description:

Thor Motor Coach (TMC) is recalling certain 2017 Tuscany, Tuscany ZTE, and Venetian motorhomes manufactured March 15, 2016, to April 7, 2016. The isolator relay cable for the chassis battery was improperly installed which could cause sudden, unexpected loss of power.

Consequence:

If the motorhome experiences an unexpected loss of power, it can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

TMC will notify owners, and dealers will correctly install the isolator relay cable, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact TMC customer service at 1-877-500-1020. TMC's number for this recall is RC000114.

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).

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.

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,

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

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