



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

May 10, 2017

Ms. Amber Ferreebe  
Thor Motor Coach  
PO Box 1486  
Elkhart, IN 46516

NEF-150MR  
17V-283

**Subject:** Power Steering Fluid Leak or Electrical Arcing

Dear Ms. Ferreebe:

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/2016-2017  
THOR MOTOR COACH/VENETIAN/2016-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 27, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-283

**Components:**

STEERING:HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST:HOSE, PIPING, AND CONNECTIONS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 186

**Problem Description:**

Thor Motor Coach (Thor) is recalling certain 2016-2017 Venetian and Tuscany motorhomes equipped with Cummins ISL engines. These vehicles, built on a Freightliner chassis, have a power steering hose that may be routed incorrectly, and, as a result, the hose may rub against the power stud on the starter motor, possibly causing electrical arcing and a power steering fluid leak.

**Consequence:**

Electrical arcing in the presence of leaking power steering fluid can increase the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Daimler Trucks (DTNA), the manufacturer of the Freightliner chassis has notified the motorhome owners, and DTNA dealers will reroute the high pressure power steering hose to provide adequate clearance from the starter stud, free of charge. The recall began on December 27, 2016. Owners may contact DTNA customer service at 1-800-547-0712 or Thor customer service at 1-877-500-1020. Thor's number for this recall is FL727A.

**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).

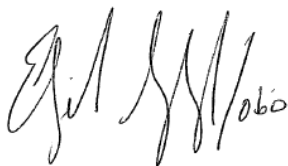
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 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 'J. Timian', with a date '1/10/10' written at the end of the signature.

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