



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

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Washington, DC 20590**

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Ms. Celina Tyler
Thor Motor Coach
P. O. Box 1486
Elkhart, IN 46515

NEF-150MR
17V-758

Subject: Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

Dear Ms. Tyler:

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:

DAMON/ESSENCE/2008-2010
FOUR WINDS/FUN MOVER/2003-2010
FOUR WINDS/INFINITY/2003-2006
FOUR WINDS/PRESIDIO/2004-2009
THOR/ACE/2011-2018
THOR/ARIA/2017-2018
THOR/AXIS/2014-2018
THOR/CHALLENGER/2003-2018
THOR/CHALLENGER PLATINUM/2008-2010
THOR/CHATEAU/2003-2018
THOR/CHATEAU CITATION/2004-2018
THOR/COMPASS/2016-2018
THOR/CRUISE TRAVEL TRAILER/2007
THOR/DAYBREAK/2003-2014
THOR/DAYBREAK CLASSIC SPORT/2010
THOR/DAYBREAK SPORT/2009-2010
THOR/DEL RAY/2009
THOR/DUTCHMEN/2003-2010
THOR/DUTCHMEN DORADO/2004-2010
THOR/EL MONTE/2017-2018
THOR/ESCAPER/2003-2005
THOR/FOUR WINDS/2003-2018
THOR/FOUR WINDS SIESTA/2004-2018
THOR/FREEDOM ELITE/2010-2018
THOR/GEMINI/2016-2018
THOR/HURRICANE/2003-2018
THOR/INTRUDER/2003-2007
THOR/MAGELLAN/2006-2010
THOR/MAJESTIC/2003-2018
THOR/MAJESTIC FLYER/2007
THOR/MAJESTIC TRAVEL TRAILER/2007
THOR/MANDALAY/2003-2010
THOR/MIRAMAR/2014-2018
THOR/OUTLAW/2007-2018
THOR/PALAZZO/2013-2018
THOR/QUANTUM/2016-2018
THOR/SERRANO/2009-2013
THOR/SYNERGY/2016-2018
THOR/VALENCIA/2006-2007
THOR/VEGAS/2014-2018
THOR/WINDSPORT/2003-2018
THOR MOTOR COACH/ASTORIA/2005-2012
THOR MOTOR COACH/ASTORIA PACIFIC/2007-2009
THOR MOTOR COACH/AVANTI/2009-2012
THOR MOTOR COACH/MONTECITO/2010-2011
THOR MOTOR COACH/TUSCANY/2005-2018
THOR MOTOR COACH/TUSCANY XTE/2014-2017
THOR MOTOR COACH/ULTRASPORT/2003-2005
THOR MOTOR COACH/VENETIAN/2016-2018
THOR MOTOR COACH/VENTURA/2009-2010

Mfr's Report Date: November 22, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-758

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 110,400**Problem Description:**

Thor Motor Coach (Thor) is recalling various 2003-2018 recreational vehicles, equipped with Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Pindicator' Fire Extinguishers. See a list of the affected trailer models at: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17V758-5764.pdf>. These extinguishers may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or excessive force may be needed to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf>

Consequence:

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Thor will notify owners, instructing them to contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 22, 2018. Owners may contact Thor customer service at 1-877-500-1020, or Kidde customer service toll-free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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.

We understand that you intend for Kidde to supply the required six quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement