

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 15, 2018

Ms. Celina Tyler Thor Motor Coach P. O. Box 1486 Elkhart, IN 46515 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 18V-482

**Subject:** Missing Rear Reflectors/FMVSS 108

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:

THOR/OUTLAW/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: July 19, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-482

**Components:** VISIBILITY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 119

# **Problem Description:**

Thor Motor Coach (TMC) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Thor Outlaw motorhomes, model 29J. These vehicles were manufactured without the rear reflex reflectors, which can make the vehicle less visible to other drivers. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

#### **Consequence:**

Missing rear reflex reflectors can make the vehicle less visible to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy

TMC will notify owners, and dealers will install the missing reflectors, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 19, 2018. Owners may contact TMC customer service at 1-877-855-2867. TMC's number for this recall is RC0000157.

## **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.



Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received TMC's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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 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

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