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June 19, 2012

**VIA E-MAIL  
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Thor Motor Coach  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thor Motor Coach (TMCRV) has been notified by Freightliner Custom Chassis (FCCC) concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between March 18, 2005 and July 19, 2011. FCCC has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this defect. NHTSA has assigned recall number 12V-242 to the FCCC recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain buses manufactured by TMCRV were built with FCCC chassis that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, FCCC has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. TMCRV will provide FCCC with a list of dealers and owners to assist FCCC in remedying the defect. FCCC will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by TMCRV.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Avanti	2011
Outlaw	2008-2010

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 90.  
These vehicles were built between January 24, 2008 and September 28, 2010.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the defective chassis. Hydraulic brake equipped motorhome chassis exposed to long periods of non-driving may experience

- diametrical brake caliper piston growth and reduced piston to bore clearance potentially leading to brake drag and overheating resulting in reduced brake performance. Under certain driving conditions, reduced brake performance may lead to a vehicle crash.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. TMCRV was notified by FCCC of the defect on June 12, 2012. There have been no reports of accidents or personal injury as a result of this defect on any TMCRV vehicles.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As outlined in the FCCC recall 12V-242, the remedy is to inspect to determine if the brake calipers are within the subject population. Brake calipers within the subject population will be replaced. This inspection and remedy will be done at no cost to the owner.
- E. Owner and Dealer Notifications. FCCC will notify the owners and dealers of the buses on behalf of TMCRV. Copies of these letters will be submitted by FCCC for approval with recall 12V-242.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. FCCC will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 12V-242. Because the information included by FCCC in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the TMCRV buses subject to this recall campaign, TMCRV will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. Campaign Number. TMCRV does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. TMCRV will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of TMCRV with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of TMCRV in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Mark Stanley at TMCRV directly at (877) 500-1020 EXT. 2095.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick  
Thor Industries  
Standards Compliance Manager