



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

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12V-280

**SUBJECT: HYDRAULIC BRAKE CALIPER**

**DEAR MR. MIHALICK:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Thor Motor Coach's (TMCRV) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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/AVANTI/2011  
THOR MOTOR COACH/OUTLAW/2008-2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-280      **Mfg's Report Date:** June 19, 2012

**Components:** EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 90

**Summary:**

THOR MOTOR COACH (TMCRV) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2010 OUTLAW AND MODEL YEAR 2011 AVANTI RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 24, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2010, EQUIPPED WITH BOSCH HYDRAULIC DISC BRAKES. HYDRAULIC BRAKE EQUIPPED MOTORHOME CHASSIS EXPOSED TO LONG PERIODS OF TIME 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.

**Consequence:**

REDUCED BRAKE PERFORMANCE INCREASES THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS (FCCC) WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLES, FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A REMEDY OR OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THOR MOTOR COACH AT 1-877-500-1020.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

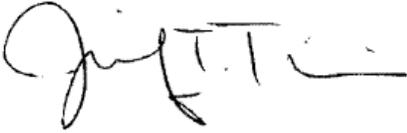
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when notifications will be sent to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. 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).

According to your 573, Freightliner Custom Chassis will be filing quarterly reports on your behalf.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at [Edison.Thompson@dot.gov](mailto:Edison.Thompson@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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

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