



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

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Mr. Marc Moss
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NVS-215KS
12E-043

Subject: Auxiliary Power Unit Door may Separate

Dear Mr. Moss:

This letter serves to acknowledge Thermo King Corp.'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:
TRIPAC/AUXILIARY POWER UNIT/9999

Mfr's Report Date: October 11, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12E-043

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,720

Problem Description:

Thermo King is recalling certain TriPac Auxiliary Power Units (APU), serial numbers 3000106335 to 3000127584, manufactured from July 29, 2011, through November 7, 2011, and used in tractor trucks. The maintenance access panel door may dislodge and separate from the APU.

Consequence:

If the door separates from the APU while the vehicle is being driven, it may create a road hazard for other drivers.

Remedy:

Thermo King will notify owners, and dealers will replace the panel door free of charge. The recall is expected to begin late October 2012. Owners may contact Thermo King at 1-952-887-2200.

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.

The information in your report suggests that Thermo King may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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).

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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