



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. David Mihalick  
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Thor Motor Coach  
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Jackson Center, OH 45334

NVS-215KS  
14V-267

**Subject:** Generator Exhaust Routing (Fire/Asphyxiation)

Dear Mr. Mihalick:

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 MOTOR COACH/OUTLAW/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 20, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-267

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 34

**Problem Description:**

Thor Industries is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Outlaw 29H motorcoaches manufactured January 13, 2014, through April 25, 2014. In the affected vehicles, the generator exhaust may be routed too close to the onboard propane storage tank without the necessary heat shielding. Additionally, the generator exhaust ends underneath a slide-out room.

**Consequence:**

Due to the exhaust's proximity and the lack of heat shielding, the hot exhaust piping could heat the propane tank and cause it to expand and vent off any build up of pressure, increasing the risk of a fire. The exhaust exiting below a slide out room may cause carbon monoxide to enter the vehicle, increasing the risk of asphyxiation.

**Remedy:**

Thor will notify owners, and dealers and replace the existing generator exhaust pipe with a new pipe that has a different routing, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June of 2014. Owners may contact Thor customer service at 1-877-500-1020. Thor's recall number for this campaign is RC000089.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Thor's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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 a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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