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VIA E-MAIL - RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

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Mr. George H. Person
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
400 7th Street, S.W. NSA-11
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Thor America Inc.
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Thor America Incorporated has been notified by Dometic concerning a safety related defect in certain two-door refrigerators manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003. Dometic has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 06E-076 to the Dometic 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 vehicles manufactured by Thor America were built with Dometic refrigerators that may contain the safety related defect.

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

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective refrigerators supplied by Dometic have been used on travel trailers manufactured by Thor America between April of 1997 and April of 2004. The affected models are:

| <u>Model</u> | <u>Years Affected</u> |
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| Citation | 1997, 1998,1999,2000,2001,2002,2003,2004 |
| Chateau | 1997, 1998,1999,2000,2001,2002,2003,2004 |
| Corsair | 1997, 1998,1999,2000,2001,2002,2003,2004 |
| Prism | 1997, 1998,1999,2000,2001,2002,2003,2004 |

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is approximately 12,000. A vehicle registration search will be conducted to determine the exact number of trailers involved in this recall. This search is expected to be complete by June 30, 2007. At that time an update to this notice will be provided.

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- B. Description of Defect. Under some circumstances, a fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, which can permit the release of pressurized coolant solution. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dometic advised Thor America of its defect determination by letter dated February 22, 2007.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Dometic in connection with recall campaign 06E-076, Dometic will remedy the refrigerator if found to be defective. The owners of the vehicles subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Dometic in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Dometic. Dometic will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06E-076. Dometic has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Thor America will notify the owner's of the recalled vehicles. This notification will occur once the vehicle registration search has been completed. In the meantime, any owner of a Thor America product may contact Dometic directly at 1-888-446-5157 to start the recall process on their vehicle. A copy of the owner's letter will be forwarded to NHTSA when available for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Thor America will notify its dealers of the recalled vehicles. A copy of the dealer's letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dometic will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 06E-076. Because the information included by Dometic in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Thor America vehicles subject to this recall campaign, Thor America will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- H. Campaign Number. Thor America does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Thor America will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

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The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Thor America with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Thor America in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DM Mihalick", written in a cursive style.

David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager