

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 15, 2022

Bryce Frankenberger Consumer affairs Thor Motor Coach PO Box 1486 Elkhart, IN 46515 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107KL 22V-611

Subject: Awning Fabric May Detach Causing Awning to Drop

Dear Bryce Frankenberger:

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/CHATEAU/2022-2023 THOR MOTOR COACH/FOUR WINDS/2022-2023 THOR MOTOR COACH/GENEVA/2022 THOR MOTOR COACH/QUANTUM/2022-2023

Mfr's Report Date: August 10, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-611

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 262

Problem Description:

Thor Motor Coach (TMC) is recalling certain 2022-2023 Four Winds, Quantum, Chateau, and 2022 Geneva motorhomes. The electric retractable awning has a welded seam on the fabric that may separate, potentially allowing the awning to drop beyond normal operation.

Consequence:

An awning that drops or extends beyond normal operation can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Dealer will repair or replace the awnings, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed by September 8, 2022. Owners may contact TMC customer service at 1-877-855-2867.

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.nhtsa.gov.



We have received TMC'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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Thor Motor Coach's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

