#### OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 20V-804

Manufacturer Name: Thor Motor Coach
Submission Date: DEC 21, 2020
NHTSA Recall No.: 20V-804
Manufacturer Recall No.: RC000208



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

# **Population:**

Manufacturer Name: Thor Motor Coach

Number of potentially involved: 940

Address: PO Box 1486

Estimated percentage with defect :  $100\,\%$ 

701 County Road 15 Elkhart IN 46515 Company phone: 877-500-1020

## **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2018-2019 Thor Motor Coach Hurricane Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: -It has been discovered that on certain model year 2018-2019 Hurricane and

Windsport motorhomes, the overhead cabinets located above the driver and front

passenger seats may have been improperly installed during production.
-Units not included in the recall had overhead cabinets properly installed by

manufacturing.

-470 Hurricane units are in the recall scope.

Production Dates: JAN 03, 2018 - JUL 13, 2018

VIN Range 1: Begin: 1F65F5DY1J0A11174 End: 1F66F5DYXJ0A16569 ✓ Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2018-2019 Thor Motor Coach Windsport Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : GAS

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Windsport motorhomes, the overhead cabinets located above the driver and front

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## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The overhead cabinets located above the driver and front passenger seats may

become detached and fall on the seat occupants.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: The overhead cabinet may become detached. If the cabinet comes detached

while the vehicle is in motion, the cabinet may impact the vehicle operator causing a loss of vehicle control which can result in crash. A crash can result

in personal injury or death.

Description of the Cause: The overhead cabinets were not properly installed by manufacturing.

Identification of Any Warning The overhead cabinet attachment may become loose. If loose, the cabinet may

that can Occur: squeak during travel.

## **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1: Overhead Cabinet

Component Description: Overhead cabinet located above driver and front passenger seats

Component Part Number: N/A

#### **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR

Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

# **Chronology:**

04/24/20 – NHTSA emailed Thor Industries requesting information on an old VOQ they were dispositioning. Thor Motor Coach (TMC) was awaiting repair of the vehicle that was the subject of that VOQ. The repair was delayed due to COVID and the resulting state directions.

07/09/20 – Thor responded to NHTSA that the subject vehicle was repaired. NHTSA requested more information on similar incidents.

07/09/20 to 9/1/20 – TMC, Thor and NHTSA exchanged emails on the overhead cabinet issue.

9/1/20 - TMC initiated a full warranty claims review of all overhead cabinets for 8 prior model years

9/18/20 – TMC performed pull test to validate overhead cabinet attachment and establish maximum static load.

11/19/20 – TMC data for overhead cabinet warranty claims available for review.

12/7/20 – TMC and Thor send completed data review to NHTSA.

12/16/20 – NHTSA, TMC, and Thor conduct a conference call to discuss issue and review warranty data. TMC decides to conduct a safety recall for the 2018 and 2019 Hurricane and Windsport vehicle's overhead cabinets based upon warranty data frequency.

# **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: The recall population will be inspected to verify the overhead cabinets

were installed properly. If the cabinets are found to be loose, the cabinets

will be reinstalled per dealer instructions.

How Remedy Component Differs None

from Recalled Component:

Identify How/When Recall Condition Warranty data indicates the issue was corrected in production after

was Corrected in Production: 07/13/2018.

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: TMC will notify the dealers and owners of the recreational vehicles by

letter. A final copy of the owner letter will be provided to NHTSA, along

with the dealer repair procedures.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: FEB 05, 2021 - FEB 05, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date: FEB 05, 2021 - FEB 05, 2021

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported