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## NEWS RELEASE

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## <u>FORTUNE NAMES THOR AS ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST ADMIRED COMPANIES;</u> <u>WALL STREET JOURNAL LISTS THOR AS A BEST PERFORMER IN TOTAL</u> <u>RETURN OVER ONE, THREE, FIVE AND TEN YEARS;</u> <u>ONLY RV COMPANY ON EXCLUSIVE LISTS.</u>

Thor Industries, Inc. (NYSE:THO) has been named by *Fortune* magazine (March 7, 2005) as one of America's Most Admired Companies.

Thor was the only Recreation Vehicle company to be listed. Companies were judged on eight attributes: innovation, quality of management, financial soundness, use of corporate assets, long-term investment, people management, social responsibility, and quality of products/services.

Further, in today's *Wall Street Journal*'s Shareholder's Scoreboard of 1,000 companies in 76 industries, Thor is the only RV company listed in the Recreational Products and Services group. Thor's one year return was 32.3%. Its compound annual returns over 3, 5, and 10 years were 59.1%, 37.6%, and 28.0% respectively. "These listings confirm our unsurpassed leadership position in the RV and Bus industries. We congratulate our employees. This recognition motivates us to continue to excel for our customers and stockholders," said Wade F. B. Thompson, Thor Chairman.

Thor is the largest manufacturer of recreation vehicles and the largest builder of mid-size buses. It expects to announce its second quarter results tomorrow.

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