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## NEWS RELEASE

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## THOR SURGES TO #1 IN CLASS C MOTORHOMES; INCREASES MARKET SHARE IN CLASS A MOTORHOMES

Thor Industries, Inc. (NYSE:THO) announced today that it jumped to the largest unit manufacturer of Class C motorhomes in the month, quarter, and 6 months ended June 2005.

According to Statistical Surveys, Thor retailed 2,249 Class C motorhomes in the first 6 months of 2005, up 7% from 2,107 last year and has 20.7% of the Class C market, up from 18.5% last year.

Thor retailed 1,932 Class A motorhomes in the first 6 months of 2005, increasing its market share to 9.6% of the Class A market versus 8.6% last year. Thor diesel motorhome retail sales increased 24% in the 6 months, to 476 units versus 385 units last year. Its diesel motorhome market share increased to 5.0% versus 3.7% last year. Thor gas motorhome retail sales were 1,460 in the 6 months, down from 1,567 units last year, but its market share increased to 13.7% versus 12.9% last year.

Thor is the third largest builder of all motorhomes with 13.4% retail market share versus 12.0% last year. Its unit retail sales increased 3% in the first 6 months compared with an overall industry decline of 8%.

"These are exceptional results in a soft motorhome market," said Wade F. B. Thompson, Thor Chairman.

Thor is the largest manufacturer of recreation vehicles and the largest builder of mid-size buses.

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