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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **THOR TOPS CONSUMER DURABLES COMPANIES IN 5 YEAR SHAREHOLDER RETURNS; ONLY RV COMPANY TO SHOW STOCK PRICE INCREASE IN 2005.**

Thor Industries, Inc. (NYSE:THO), the largest manufacturer of recreation vehicles and mid-size buses, announced today that it achieved the highest 5 year annualized total return of 49.1%, in the consumer durables segment of *Forbes'* America's Best Managed Companies edition (January 9, 2006). Companies were ranked for financial performance against their industry peers over the latest five years and most recent 12 months. Ranking terms include sales and earnings growth, stock market returns, and debt to total capital. Companies were also ranked on their consensus forecasts for long term earnings growth.

Further, Thor was the only RV company to record an increase in its stock price in 2005, according to the *Wall Street Journal* (December 31, 2005). Thor was up 8.2% compared with an average decline of 24.2% for the 5 other public RV companies. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down .61% in 2005.

"Our short and long term shareholder returns again convincingly confirm that Thor is the most profitable and highest quality company in the RV industry, well ahead of any of its competitors," said Wade F. B. Thompson, Thor Chairman. "Also, Thor's market capitalization is nearly equal to all its public competitors combined," Thompson added.

This release includes "forward looking statements" that involve uncertainties and risks. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from the Company's expectations. Factors which could cause materially different results include, among others, the success of new product introductions, the pace of acquisitions and cost structure improvements, competitive and general economic conditions, and the other risks set forth in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.