

## **Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**

On May 12, 2004, Newmar Corporation was notified by NHTSA and subsequently AM-Safe Commercial Products, of a defect which relates to motor safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

This report was prepared on May 17, 2004. Updated on June 3, 2004

The manufacturer's identification number for this recall is **04V-244**

1. The "Final Stage" vehicle manufacturer is

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### **2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall**

The certain vehicles involved in the recall are model years **2004-2005 Scottsdale Class A Motorhomes, 2004 Kountry Star Class A Motorhomes, 2004 Mountain Aire Class A Motorhomes, 2004 Kountry Star Diesel Pusher Motorhomes, 2004-2005 Northern Star**

**Diesel Pusher Motorhomes, and 2004-2005 Dutch Star Diesel Pusher Motorhomes.**

**3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance.**

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<b>Model</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Scottsdale Class A</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Kountry Star Class A</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Mountain Aire Class A</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Kountry Star Pusher</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Northern Star Pusher</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Dutch Star Pusher</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,124</b>

**4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.**

63% of the vehicles listed above may contain the defect.

**5. Describe the defect or non-compliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or non-compliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.**

The latching mechanism on the driver/passenger seat belt buckle has been determined to be defective.

**Describe the cause of the defect or noncompliance condition.**

Manufacturing process.

**Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.**

In the event of a crash, separation of the seat belt buckle and latch may result.

**Describe any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.**

None.

**If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address:**

AM-Safe Commercial Products  
23845 County Road 6  
Units A & B  
Elkhart, IN 46514

Attention Jeff Fields  
(574) 266-8330

**6. If defect, furnish a chronological summary with dates of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. Include number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.**

Please refer to information provided in AM-Safe Commercial Products 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report.

**7. If noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data in chronological order with dates on which the noncompliance was determined.**

n/a

**8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.**

Remove and replace buckle on driver/passenger seats.

**Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/ assembly versus the recalled component/ assembly.**

The manufacturing date located on the identification tag on the seat belt is the only indication that the component is involved in the recall.

**Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.**

Please refer to AM-Safe Commercial Products 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report.

**Furnish a recall schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.**

Estimated notification schedule: 5/31/04-Notification letter to owners/dealers.

**9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications concerning this recall.**

Responsibility of AM-Safe Commercial Products.

**The manufacturer's campaign identification number if not identical to the number assigned by NHTSA.**

Newmar's identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.

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