

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

On September 13, 2004, Newmar Corporation determined a noncompliance 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.

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The manufacturer's identification number for this recall is \_\_\_\_\_

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 year **2005 American Star Fifth Wheels, 2005 Kountry Star Fifth Wheels, and 2005 Mountain Aire Fifth Wheels.**

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

<b>Model</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>American Star Fifth Wheel</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Kountry Star Fifth Wheel</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Mountain Aire Fifth Wheel</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>

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

100 % of the vehicles listed above may contain the noncompliance.

**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 VIN tag illustrates an incorrect VIN number for the coach.

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

During model year change, two positions in the VIN number were not correctly changed to indicate a new model year.

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

The VIN number indicates an incorrect model year of 2004.

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

N/A.

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

None.

**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.**

N/A.

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

While updating information in the computer records, the incorrect model year was noticed within the VIN number database.

**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.**

Newmar will reprint all Federal VIN tags and send to dealers for installation.

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

The model year location within the VIN number will illustrate the model year as 2005 which also corrects the check digit.

**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.**

The VIN number on the Federal tag is printed and installed by production. Upon the digit corrections within our computer programming, production was also corrected.

**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: 10/29/04-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.**

Newmar will provide to NHTSA a copy of the Owner/ Dealer Notifications before sending out for approval.

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

Newmar's identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.

**All Documents To Be Faxed To (202) 366-7882, Then Mailed.**