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INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-037 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Part 573 Report Date:** January 26, 2004

**DATE FAXED:** February 4, 2004

**MANUFACTURER:** Newmar Corporation

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT:** Mr. Ron Stichter  
Director of Engineering

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**SUBJECT:** 3,589 Newmar 1998-2000 Dutch Star (on Spartan Chassis) and 1997-2000 Dutch Star and 2001-2002 Kountry Star (on Freightliner Chassis) motor homes equipped with Michelin 255/80R22.5 XRV tires. There has been a relatively high number of front tire failures on these vehicles. The steel carcass ply reinforcement cords can fatigue, and the tire sidewall can rupture without warning due to overdeflection. This appears to be a result of overloading and/or underinflation.

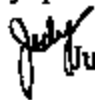
This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment will be written **ONLY** if we have additional comments or concerns.

**Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates of production for these motor homes.**

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letters and they need to have the following changes made as shown on the attached revised owner notification letter. Please make changes on both owner notification letters.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter **in which notification to purchasers occurs**. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during February 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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