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Mr. Jeff Christner
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Newmar Corporation
355 N. Delaware Street
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Dear Mr. Christner:

Newmar Corporation (Newmar) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-244 who have not had their motorhomes corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 1,116 MY 2004 and 2005 Kountry Star Pusher, Northern Star Pusher, Dutch Star Pusher, Kountry Star Class A, Scottsdale Class A, and Mountain Aire Class A motorhomes. Certain seat belt buckles on some motorhomes fail to conform to the load requirement of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." The seat belt buckle may unlatch in the event of a vehicle crash, possibly resulting in personal injury to the seat occupant.

The remedy for this recall is to replace the seat belt buckle. Owner notification began on May 28, 2004. Through the third quarter of 2005, Newmar's fifth reporting quarter, Newmar reports that of the 1,116 motorhomes involved, 285 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 25.5 percent.

Newmar should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Newmar should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.

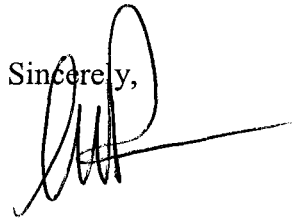
- Newmar's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Newmar is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Newmar's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 29, 2005.

Also, it appears that our file concerning this safety recall is not complete. We request that Newmar submit a copy of the initial owner notification letter and any remedy instructions.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,



George Person, Chief
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