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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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BETTY LEHR
NEWMAR CORPORATION
355 N. DELAWARE STREET
NAPPANEE IN 46550

NVS-215
05V-109

Subject: WORKHORSE/FMVSS 101& FMVSS 105 INSTRUMENT PANEL

Dear LEHR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

NEWMAR/KOUNTRY STAR/2003-2004
NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE/2003-2004
NEWMAR/SCOTTSDALE/2003-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-109

Recall Date: March 16, 2005

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: (To be provided)

Summary:

CERTAIN CLASS A MOTOR HOMES BUILT ON WORKHORSE CHASSIS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD (FMVSS) NO. 101, "CONTROLS AND DISPLAY" AND STANDARD NO. 105 "HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRIC BRAKE SYSTEMS." MODELS WITH ACTIA INSTRUMENT CLUSTER, THE INCORRECT SOFTWARE PROGRAMMED INTO THE CLUSTER SUCH THAT CERTAIN WARNINGS ARE NOT DISPLAYED.

Consequence:

INCORRECT SOFTWARE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO ILLUMINATE WARNING LAMPS INDICATING BRAKE SYSTEM FAILURES. THE STANDARDS REQUIRE DRIVER WARNING WHEN BRAKE FAILURE CODES ARE SET.

Remedy:

WORKHORSE IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT WORKHORSE AT 1-877-294-6773 OR NEWMAR AT 574-773-7719.

Notes:

WORKHORSE RECALL NO. 50402-C. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Please provide us with the quantity of vehicles involved, as well as beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall. (You stated in no. 3 of your report that a list of units involved in the recall was attached – this listing was missing.)

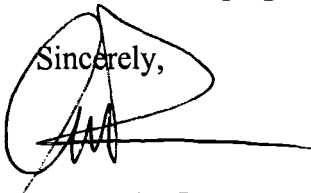
Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in your report, Workhorse will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Workhorse's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division