



U.S. Department
of Transportation

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

June 9, 2005

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

NVS-215
05V-263

Subject: PRESSURE GAUGE FALSE READING

Dear MS. 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/DUTCH STAR/2003-2005
NEWMAR/ESSEX/2003-2005
NEWMAR/KOUNTRY STAR/2004-2005
NEWMAR/LONDON AIRE/2003
NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE/2003-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-263

Recall Date: May 20, 2005

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: TO BE PROVIDED

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES EQUIPPED WITH AMETEK NGI GAUGES, THE AIR GAUGES ARE NOT PROPERLY CALIBRATED AND THE LOW AIR WARNING INDICATOR MAY BE ACTIVATED WHEN ACTUAL AIR RESERVOIR PRESSURE READINGS ARE BELOW THE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD REQUIRED RANGE OF 60 TO 65 PSI.

Consequence:

THIS MAY CAUSE THE PARKING BRAKE TO ENGAGE WITHOUT WARNING, THUS THROWING THE PASSENGER FORWARD, CREATING THE POTENTIAL FOR INJURY TO OCCUPANTS.

Remedy:

SPARTAN IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. DEALERS WILL INSTALL A HARNESS JUMPER CABLE TO EACH AIR SENDER. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SPARTAN AT 800-543-4277 OR NEWMAR AT 574-773-7719.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Please provide us with a date of when Newmar Corporation became aware of the recall, along with the quantity of vehicles involved, and the beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall.

As stated in your report, Spartan 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 Spartan's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement