



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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

NVS-215
05V-324

Subject: I-SHAFT ASSEMBLY CAN DISCONNECT/SPARTAN/ZF

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/ESSEX/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-324

Recall Date: July 15, 2005

Components:
STEERING:LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 87

(This number was changed from 22 to 87 after discussion with Mr. Chad Sears of your staff with Mrs. Pat Wallace of my staff on July 22, 2005)

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES BUILT ON SPARTAN CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH I-SHAFTS SUPPLIED BY ZF HEAVY DUTY STEERING, THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR A FAILURE OF THE FORK/SHAFT CONNECTION. AT THE NON-WELDED SIDE OF THE I-SHAFT THERE IS A UNIVERSAL JOINT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FORK SHAFT CONNECTION COULD BE LOST.

Consequence:

DRIVERS WILL LOSE STEERABILITY OF THE VEHICLE AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

NEWMAR, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SPARTAN, INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR REMEDYING THE DEFECTIVE I-SHAFTS. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SPARTAN AT 1-517-543-6400 OR NEWMAR AT 1-574-773-7791.

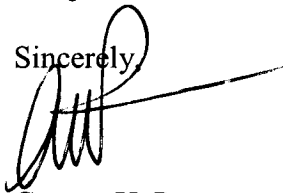
Notes:

NEWMAR RECALL NO. SPEC 05022. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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