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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles **Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**

On September 1, 2005, Newmar Corporation received a notification letter from Tredit Tire & Wheel Company, Inc. informing of a defect which relates to motor safety exists in the vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

This report was prepared on September 2, 2005.

The manufacturer's identification number for this recall is _____.

1. The "Final Stage" vehicle manufacturer.
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Consumer Affairs Dept.
(574)773-7791
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Signed Chad Sears

2. Identify the vehicle involved in the recall.

The vehicles involved in the recall are model years certain 2002 Mountain Aire Fifth-Wheels and 2002-2003 Kountry Star Fifth- Wheels.

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance.

Six(6) units are potentially involved.

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.

100% of the vehicles listed above may contain the defect.

5. Describe the defect or non-compliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or non-compliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Tredit supplied Newmar with chrome rims which could break apart.

5a. Describe the cause of the defect or noncompliance.

The cause was improper welds on the rim assembly.

5b. Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The wheel could break loose from the unit.

5c. Describe any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

N/A

5d. If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

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57941 Charlotte Avenue
Elkhart, Indiana 46517

6. If defect, furnish a chronological summary with dates of all the principal events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. Include number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

N/A

7. If noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data in chronological order with dates on which the noncompliance was determined.

Information provided by Tredit Tire & Wheel Company.

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Tredit Tire & Wheel Company will replace the rims.

8a. Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/ assembly versus the recalled component/ assembly.

Information provided by Tredit Tire & Wheel Company.

8b. Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Information provided by Tredit Tire & Wheel Company.

8c. Furnish a recall schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/ retails, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.

Estimated notification schedule provided by Tredit Tire & Wheel Company.

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications concerning this recall.

Provided by Tredit Tire & Wheel Company.

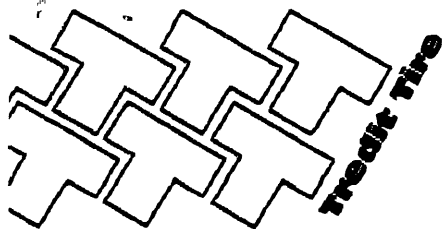
9a. The manufacturer's campaign identification number if not identical to the number assigned by NHTSA.

Newmar's identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.

All Documents to be faxed to (202)366-7882 to be followed by mailing.

NEWMAR UNITS

<u>VIN #</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BRAND</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>
1N8RL362320700191	2002	Kountry Star	FW	RLFB
1N8KS332530700266	2003	Kountry Star	FW	KSFB
1N8LK352530700267	2003	Kountry Star	FW	LKSA
1N8KS332930700271	2003	Kountry Star	FW	KSFB
1N8RL343730700272	2003	Kountry Star	FW	RLWB
1N8KS383320900174	2002	Mountain Aire	FW	KSWB



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TO
RDS

~~MSO~~
STEVE HELMUTH
NEWMAR INDUSTRIES
PO BOX 30
NAPPANEE IN 46550

August 26, 2005

Re: JCA 16" Chromium Welded Wheels

Dear: STEVE HELMUTH

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

On August 22, 2005 Tredit Tire & Wheel Company, Inc. ("Tredit") voluntarily submitted a Part 573 Notice with the National Highway Traffic Safety Association. The Notice identified a problem with 16" chromium welded wheels manufactured by J.C. Auto Corporation ("JCA") in China. The problem was that, under certain circumstances, the wheels could break while in use. While it does not occur in every situation, Tredit believes it is necessary to recall the wheels.

The following are the identifying characteristics of the wheels:

Part Numbers: JC16X6655CR
JC16X6865CR
JC16X6865CRHD

Sizes: 16 x 6, 6 hole standard load
16 x 6, 8 hole standard load
16 x 6, 8 hole heavy load

Rim stamp "JG" OR "HW"

Our records reflect that you purchased some of the wheels in question. In accordance with the Part 573 filing, we have forwarded your name to NHTSA as a purchaser of the wheels. Please consult NHTSA and/or your counsel regarding your recall obligations. In the event that you have wheels on vehicles still in your possession, please contact us immediately and we will provide you with replacement wheels.

Phone (574) 293-0581 Fax (574)294-3239

For the recall, Tredit will agree to: (1) refund you the amount you paid for the wheels; or (2) provide a suitable replacement wheel. With respect to the replacement wheel, please be advised Tredit does not currently sell any 16" chromium welded wheels.

As you know, Tredit sells 16" painted and aluminum wheels. Tredit is prepared to offer you a choice of replacement wheel. There is a cost differential between the painted and the aluminum wheels. If you choose a 16" painted wheel, Tredit will refund to you the difference in cost between the painted and chromium wheels. In the event that you desire to replace the wheel with aluminum, which is more expensive than chromium, as a measure of good faith and for the purposes of this recall only, Tredit will charge only a nominal cost.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience to indicate your option with respect to the refund or replacement, and type of replacement if applicable. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,
TREDIT TIRE & WHEEL COMPANY, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terrence J. O'Rourke".

Terrence J. O'Rourke
President

Enclosures

NEWMAR

Cust #	Cus No	Sold to Customer Name	Inv Dte	Order #	Cust P.O. #	Part No	PN Description	Pcs
10	1110	NEWMAR INDUSTRIES	50315	30518	P306514	JC16X6865CRHD	JC AUTO 16X6 MOD 8-6.5 CHROME	2
10	1110	NEWMAR INDUSTRIES	50413	32140	p312032	JC16X6865CRHD	JC AUTO 16X6 MOD 8-6.5 CHROME	1
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