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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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KEN BROWER
CODES AND COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATOR
NEWMAR CORPORATION
355 NORTH DELAWARE STREET
NAPPANEE IN 46550

NVS-215
06V-217

Subject: (MANUAL) COLUMN DRIVE STEERING COLUMN/TRW/SPARTAN

Dear MR. BROWER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE DIESEL PUSHER/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-217

Mfg's Report Date: June 8, 2006

Components: STEERING: COLUMN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES EQUIPPED WITH SPARTAN STEERING COLUMNS, THE STEERING COLUMN HAS AN INCORRECT BUSHING THAT DOES NOT PROPERLY LIMIT THE TRAVEL OF THE STEERING COLUMN.

Consequence:

THE REDUCED ENGAGEMENT OF THE COLUMN TUBING MAY LIMIT THE DRIVER'S CAPABILITY TO CONTROL THE STEERING INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE BUSHING TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF THE ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE STEERING COLUMN TUBES FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEWMAR AT 574-773-7791.

Notes:

NEWMAR RECALL NO. 06014. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide an estimated dealer and an owner notification date (month/day/year) as well as the beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall.

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 required 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,

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