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of Transportation

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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NAPPANEE, IN 46550

NVS-215dgl
08V-025

Subject: SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH

Dear MS. WALKER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Newmar Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/DUTCH STAR/1994-2003
NEWMAR/KOUNTRY AIRE/1994-2003
NEWMAR/KOUNTRY STAR/1994-2003
NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE/1994-2003
NEWMAR/SCOTTSDALE/1994-2003

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-025

Mfg's Report Date: January 15, 2008

Components: VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,575

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CLASS A MOTOR HOMES CONSTRUCTED ON FORD F-53TY1 AND P131 MOTOR HOME CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH SPEED CONTROL, THE SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH MAY OVERHEAT.

Consequence:

OVERHEATING COULD RESULT IN SMOKE OR BURN AND AN UNDERHOOD FIRE.

Remedy:

NEWMAR IS WORKING WITH FORD IN CONDUCTING THIS RECALL. FORD WILL INSTALL A FUSED WIRING HARNESS INTO THE SPEED CONTROL SYSTEM FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FORD AT 1-866-436-7332 OR NEWMAR AT 1-574-773-7791. (NOTE: ALSO SEE RECALLS 05V017, 05V388, AND 06V286).

Notes:

NEWMAR RECALL NO. 05S28. 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577.

Under "REASON FOR THIS RECALL." Please revise the paragraph to read: "Newmar Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in MY 1994-2003 Dutch Star, Kountry Aire, Kountry Star, Mountain Aire, and Scottsdale class A vehicles it manufactured on F-53TY1 and P131 motor home chassis built by Ford Motor Company. This decision was based on information provided by Ford that a defect exists in some of the speed control deactivation switches."

A sentence needs to be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e., "Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

Under the agency's information please change the paragraph to read: "you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."

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

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of motor homes affected by this recall.

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).

As stated in your report, Ford will be handling the remedy and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 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 Ford'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@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@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", written in a cursive style.

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