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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NAPPANEE, IN 46550

NVS-215dgl
08V-078

SUBJECT: RANGES/CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING/ATWOOD

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/ALL STAR DIESEL PUSHER/2008-2009
NEWMAR/BAY STAR/2008-2009
NEWMAR/CANYON STAR/2008-2009
NEWMAR/DUTCH STAR DIESEL PUSHER/2008-2009
NEWMAR/KOUNTRY AIRE/2008-2009
NEWMAR/KOUNTRY STAR DIESEL PUSHER/2008-2009
NEWMAR/TORREY PINE/2008-2009
NEWMAR/VENTANA DIESEL PUSHER/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-078

Mfg's Report Date: January 28, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 109

Summary:

NEWMAR IS RECALLING 109 MY 2008-2009 BAY STAR, CANYON STAR KOUNTRY AIRE, TORREY PINE, VENTANA DIESEL PUSHER, ALL STAR DIESEL PUSHER, KOUNTRY STAR DIESEL PUSHER, AND DUTCH STAR DIESEL PUSHER CLASS A MOTOR HOMES AND FIFTH WHEEL TRAVEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH ATWOOD SEALED BURNER RANGES. THE RANGE AND SLIDE-IN BURNER TUBES LEADING FROM THE GAS MANIFOLD TO THE BURNER HEADS HAD A DEPRESSION OR "KINK" IN THE EXTERIOR BEND RESTRICTING PROPER AIRFLOW AND GAS MIXTURE.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD RESULT IN CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.

Remedy:

NEWMAR IS WORKING WITH ATWOOD TO HAVE THE TUBES REPLACED ON THESE RANGES (PLEASE SEE 07E030). OWNERS MAY CONTACT ATWOOD AT 1-800-348-7418 OR NEWMAR AT 574-773-7791.

Notes:

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).

This recall was the subject of EQ07-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

Federal law requires that the vehicle manufacturer notify owners, dealers and distributors about the defect and offer a free remedy as well as other things. Also, manufacturers are required to submit a draft of their owner notification letter to the Recall Management Division at least 5 days prior to mailing it to owners, and to submit a representative copy of any communication about the recall that is sent to more than one owner, dealer or distributor within 5 days of mailing it. The owner notification must be mailed to current registered owners using State motor vehicle registration records, or, if State registration records fail to yield a usable address, to the most recent owner known to the manufacturer. The vehicle manufacturers must notify their dealers even though they may not be involved in this recall, since owners may contact them for information.

Please provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

As stated in your report, Atwood 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 Atwood'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, 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 cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace for".

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