



U.S. Department  
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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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08V-443

**SUBJECT: POLYETHYLENE MOISTURE BARRIER BREAKDOWN**

DEAR MR. LEHMAN:

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/VENTANA DIESEL PUSHER/2008-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-443

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 28, 2008

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: EXHAUST SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 148

**Summary:**

NEWMAR IS RECALLING 148 MY 2008-2009 VENTANA DP MOTOR HOMES. AFTER SOME PERIOD OF USE AND DUE TO THE UNSHIELDED PROXIMITY OF THE PRIMARY ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM, THERMAL BREAKDOWN OF THE POLYETHYLENE MOISTURE BARRIER MAY OCCUR AND COULD RESULT IN AUTO-IGNITION AND COMBUSTION.

**Consequence:**

THE LOCATION OF THE MOISTURE BARRIER (ON THE UNDERSIDE OF THE MAIN FLOOR ABOVE THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT), IN RELATION TO THE UNSHIELDED PRIMARY ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM, MAY PRESENT A FIRE HAZARD.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL ADD THE OMITTED HEAT SHIELD. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEWMAR AT 1-574-773-7791.

**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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

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 Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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".

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