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Date: Monday, August 11, 2008

Re: NHTSA identification number EQ08-010

Mr. Dan Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.  
Washington, DC 20590

**08V-366  
AMENDED**

Dear Mr. Smith:

Please find enclosed a compulsory 'defect and noncompliance information report' as specified by 49 CFR Part 573.6. Newmar Corporation is submitting this report in response to notification of a recall being conducted by Dometic Corporation (NHTSA recall number 08E-032) due to a potential defect presenting a latent fire hazard in specific models of two door refrigerators. Newmar Corporation will issue a Technical Service Bulletin to our dealers. Dometic Corporation will be conducting this recall in its entirety.

We are continuing preparation of required documentation which will be sent via certified mail.

Sincerely,

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**49 CFR Part 573.6**  
**Defect and Noncompliance Information Report**

On **June 19, 2008**, Newmar Corporation received notification, from a representative of **Dometic Corporation**, informing of a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety existing in the vehicles listed below. Newmar Corporation is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.6, **Defect and Noncompliance Information Report**.

This report was prepared on **Monday, August 11, 2008**.

The manufacturer's identification number for this recall is **08E-032**.


1. The "Final Stage" vehicle manufacturer.

Newmar Corporation  
355 N. Delaware St.  
Nappanee, IN 46550

All inquiries should be directed to:

Carol Walker  
Warranty Recovery Manager  
Consumer Affairs  
Newmar Corporation  
355 N Delaware St.  
Nappanee, IN 46550-0030  
Phone: (574) 773-7791  
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2. Identify the vehicle involved in the recall.

The recreational vehicle models involved in the recall are:

2004-2005 American Star Fifth Wheel  
2007 Bay Star CA Motorhome  
2004-2006 Dutch Star DP Motorhome  
2004-2005 Kountry Aire Fifth Wheel  
2004-2007 Kountry Star CA Motorhome  
2003-2006 Kountry Star DP Motorhome  
2003-2005 Kountry Star Fifth Wheel  
2004-2006 Mountain Aire CA Motorhome  
2004-2006 Mountain Aire DP Motorhome  
2004-2005 Mountain Aire Fifth Wheel  
2003-2005 Scottsdale CA Motorhome  
2007 X-Aire Fifth Wheel

These vehicles were manufactured by Newmar Corporation between June 1, 2003 and November 30, 2006.

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

The total number of vehicles covered by this report is 772.

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

100% of the vehicles catalogued 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.

After some period of use, a fatigue crack may develop in the boiler tube of specific models of two door refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation resulting in coolant solution escape.

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

A potentially inconsistent weld process during Dometic Corporation's manufacturing process has been attributed to the weld fatigue and cracking.

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

The escape of coolant would result in a non-operational refrigerator and may present a latent fire hazard as outlined in NHTSA recall number 08E-032.

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

The refrigerator may be rendered non-operational as a result of coolant escape.

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

Dometic Corporation  
509 South Poplar Street  
LaGrange, IN 46761  
Phone: (260) 463-2191

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.

Newmar Corporation received notice of NHTSA recall number 08E-032 on Thursday, June 19, 2008 from Dometic Corporation and received a notification letter, identification number EQ08-010, on Monday, July 7, 2008; from NHTSA.

Newmar Corporation is not aware of any property damage, injury or death, in vehicles manufactured by Newmar, attributed directly or indirectly to utilization of components manufactured by Dometic Corporation.

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

N/A

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.

Dometic Corporation will assume responsibility for coordinating and executing this recall, in its entirety, on behalf of Newmar Corporation and will offer to provide owners of all covered refrigerators a rework for the potential defect at no charge for parts or labor. Newmar will provide a list of vehicles, by vehicle identification numbers, along with names and addresses of purchasers of those vehicles. The field remedy described in NHTSA recall number 06E-076, referenced in NHTSA recall number 08E-032, has been deemed effective by Dometic.

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

Per Dometic Corporation (NHTSA recall number 06E-076 as referenced by NHTSA recall number 08E-032)

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, state so.

Per Dometic Corporation (NHTSA recall number 08E-032)

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.

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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.

We are continuing preparation of required documentation which will be sent via certified mail.

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

Newmar Corporation's identification number will be assigned by NHTSA,

\*All documents to be faxed to (202)366-7882 followed by submission via certified mail.