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MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Date: Monday, August 11, 2008

Re: NHTSA recall number 07V-302

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-414
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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 Freightliner LLC (NHTSA recall number 07V-302) due to a defect in internal rubber spring brake modulating check valves. After some period of use, wear to defective valves may result in inadvertent vehicle rollaway, brake drag or inability to modulate the spring brakes. This defect does not affect normal service braking. Newmar Corporation will issue a Technical Service Bulletin to our dealers. Freightliner LLC will be conducting this recall in its entirety.

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

Sincerely,

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49 CFR Part 573.6
Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

On **April 24, 2008**, Newmar Corporation received notification, from a representative of **Freightliner LLC**, informing of a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety existing in the vehicle 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 **07V-302**.


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
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2. Identify the vehicle involved in the recall.

The recreational vehicle involved in this recall is:

2004 Essex DP Motorhome
 VIN: 4UZFAKAS43CK81835
 Owner: Raymond Borg
 485 Marshall Dr.
 Fairbanks, AK 99712

This vehicle was manufactured by Newmar Corporation between March 31, 2003 and April 8, 2003.

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 1.

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

The vehicle 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; wear to internal rubber spring brake modulating check valves may result in inadvertent vehicle rollaway, brake drag or inability to modulate the spring brakes. This defect does not affect normal service braking.

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

An unauthorized manufacturing process has been attributed to internal check valve deformation; potentially resulting in improper valve seating.

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

Potential valve leakage or the inability to properly exhaust air from the valve may result in inadvertent vehicle rollaway, brake drag or inability to modulate the spring brakes.

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

Parking brake application failure can occur without warning.

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

Freightliner LLC
4747 N. Channel Ave.
Portland, OR 97217-7699
Phone: (503) 745-6910

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 07V-302 on Thursday, April 24, 2008 from Freightliner LLC.

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 Freightliner LLC.

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.

Freightliner LLC 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 vehicles replacement for the defective valves 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 07V-302 has been deemed effective by Freightliner LLC.

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

Per Freightliner LLC (NHTSA recall number 07V-302)

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 Freightliner LLC (NHTSA recall number 07V-302)

8c. Furnish a recall schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/ retailers, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.

Freightliner LLC will assume responsibility for coordinating and executing this recall, in its entirety, on behalf of Newmar Corporation..

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 documents 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.