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Date: Monday, November 17, 2008

Re: Spartan Recall 08V-567

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

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 (NHTSA recall number 08V-567) being conducted by Spartan Chassis, Inc. This recall is being conducted due to the identification of a potential equipment defect that may be related to motor vehicle safety. Spartan Chassis, Inc. will be conducting this recall in its entirety.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan A. Lehman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ryan A. Lehman
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Codes and Compliance Manager
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Enclosure

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49 CFR Part 573.6 Defect and Noncompliance Information Report

On October 31, 2008, Newmar Corporation received notification, from a representative of Spartan Chassis, Inc., informing of a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety 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, November 17, 2008.

Newmar Corporation's campaign identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.

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
Fax: (574) 773-2007

This report was prepared by:

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2. Identify the vehicle(s) involved in the recall.

The recreational vehicle models involved in this recall are:

2007-2009 All Star ME Motorhome
2009 Dutch Aire DP Motorhome
2007-2009 Dutch Star DP Motorhome
2007-2008 Kountry Star DP Motorhome
2007 Mountain Aire DP Motorhome
2009 Ventana DP Motorhome

These vehicles were manufactured by Newmar Corporation between December 2005 and October 2008.

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

The total number of recreational vehicles covered by this report is 913.

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, identified hitches installed on Spartan chassis may develop stress fractures due to sharp radii and/or tool marking.

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

Design limitations and/or limitations in process control during the manufacturing process have been attributed to the resulting sharp radii and/or tool marking.

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

Fractures in suspect hitches may result in hitch separation, potentially resulting in injury and/or property damage.

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

There are no known early warning indicators to the driver.

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

Spartan Chassis, Inc.
1000 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, MI 48813
Phone: (517) 543-6400

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 08V-567 on Friday, October 31, 2008 from Spartan Chassis, Inc.

Newmar Corporation is not aware of any property damage, injury or death, in vehicles manufactured by Newmar, attributed directly or indirectly to utilization of these components on chassis manufactured by Spartan Chassis, Inc.

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.

Spartan Chassis, Inc. 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 hitches 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 remedy described in NHTSA recall number 06V-567 has been deemed effective by Spartan.

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

Per Spartan Chassis, Inc. (NHTSA recall number 08V-567)

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 Spartan Chassis, Inc. (NHTSA recall number 08V-567)

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.

Spartan Chassis, Inc. 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 documentation which will be sent via certified or electronic mail.

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

Newmar Corporation's campaign identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.

*Document to be faxed to (202) 366-7882 followed by submission via certified and electronic mail.