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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
09V-254

SUBJECT: QUICK RELEASE VALVES

DEAR MR. LEHMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Newmar Corporation's (Newmar) 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 Federal laws.

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 MID-ENGINE /2009
NEWMAR/DUTCH AIRE DIESEL PUSHER/2009
NEWMAR/DUTCH STAR DIESEL PUSHER/2009-2010
NEWMAR/ESSEX DIESEL PUSHER/2009
NEWMAR/KING AIRE DIESEL PUSHER/2009
NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE DP/2009
NEWMAR/VENTANA DIESEL PUSHER/2009

Mfg's Report Date: June 26, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-254

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:QUICK RELEASE VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 63

Summary:

NEWMAR IS RECALLING 63 MODEL YEAR 2009 AND 2010 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JULY 21, 2008 AND APRIL 22, 2009, EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN HALDEX QUICK RELEASE VALVES (QRV). THE RUBBER DIAPHRAGM INSIDE THE QRV MAY EXPERIENCE DELAMINATION

RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF AIR PRESSURE LEAKAGE PAST AND/OR THROUGH THE DIAPHRAGM, OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BUBBLE IN THE DIAPHRAGM WHICH MAY TRAP AIR PRESSURE IN THE VALVE AND NOT ALLOW THE SERVICE BRAKES TO RELEASE.

Consequence:

MALFUNCTION OF THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

NEWMAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND SPARTAN WILL PROVIDE A FREE REMEDY. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SPARTAN CHASSIS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-543-4277 OR NEWMAR AT 1-574-773-7791.

Notes:

OWNERS 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:

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).

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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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 black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

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