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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-228

SUBJECT: BATTERY CABLE ASSEMBLY

DEAR MR. LEHMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Newmar Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/DUTCH AIRE DIESEL PUSHER/2010
NEWMAR/DUTCH STAR DIESEL PUSHER/2010-2011
NEWMAR/ESSEX DIESEL PUSHER/2010-2011
NEWMAR/KING AIRE DIESEL PUSHER/2010
NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE DP/2010-2011
NEWMAR/VENTANA DIESEL PUSHER/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-228

Mfg's Report Date: May 21, 2010

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: BATTERY: CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 152

Summary:

NEWMAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010-2011 MOTOR HOMES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 13, 2009 THROUGH APRIL 12, 2010. THESE MOTOR HOMES MAY CONTAIN A DEFECTIVE CRIMP CONNECTION IN THE AUXILIARY BATTERY CABLE ASSEMBLY. THE DEFECTIVE CONNECTION MAY RESULT IN AN INADEQUATE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION OR DISENGAGEMENT OF THE CABLE. RESULTANT ELECTRICAL ARCING AND OVERHEATING MAY GENERATE SUFFICIENT HEAT FOR IGNITION OF SURROUNDING MATERIALS.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THE CONNECTION MAY RESULT IN A VEHICLE FIRE.

Remedy:

THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A REMEDY OR AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEWMAR AT 574-773-7791.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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