



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl  
11V-067

**SUBJECT: V-BUS FET-8 CONTROL BOARDS/KIB ELECTRONICS**

**DEAR MR. LEHMAN:**

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

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/ESSEX DP/2011  
NEWMAR/KING AIRE DP/2011  
NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE/2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-067

**Mfg's Report Date:** January 26, 2011

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 106

**Summary:**

NEWMAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 ESSEX DP, KING AIRE DB, AND MOUNTAIN AIRE DP RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURER FROM OCTOBER 14, 2009, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2010. THESE VEHICLES ARE EQUIPPED WITH V-BUS FET-8 CONTROL BOARDS MANUFACTURED BY KIB ELECTRONICS AND THERE IS A POTENTIAL DEFECT THAT MAY RESULT IN AN UNRECOGNIZED EXCESSIVE CURRENT SITUATION.

**Consequence:**

THIS FAILURE MAY CREATE A SHOCK OR FIRE HAZARD.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPROGRAM THE KIB V-BUS LIGHTING AND CONTROL NETWORK FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEWMAR AT 1-574-773-7791.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS 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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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

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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Schuber".

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement