



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215KS  
12V-371

**Subject:** Hydraulic Brake Calipers

Dear Ron Stichter:

This letter serves to acknowledge Newmar Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/GRAND STAR CA/2008-2009

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 30, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-371

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 70

**Problem Description:**

Newmar Corporation (Newmar) is recalling certain model year 2008 and 2009 Grand Star Class A motorhomes built on Freightliner Custom Chassis (FCCC) from January 25, 2007, through May 22, 2009. These motorhomes chassis are equipped with Bosch hydraulic disc brakes which, when exposed to long periods of time of non-driving, may experience diametrical brake caliper piston growth and reduced piston to bore clearance potentially leading to brake drag and overheating resulting in reduced brake performance.

**Consequence:**

Reduced brake performance may lead to a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

Owners will be notified by Daimler Trucks/FCCC, and repairs will be performed by authorized FCCC dealers free of charge. Owners may contact Newmar at 1-574-773-7791 or Daimler Trucks at 1-800-547-0712.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your report suggests that Newmar Corporation may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

Please 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 your report, we understand that FCCC will be notifying owners and providing quarterly reports. However, since Newmar is responsible for the defect/noncompliance in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Daimler Trucks 's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Newmar to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

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