



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

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NVS-215JN
12V-467

Subject: Brake Chamber Interfering with Upper Control Arms

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/DUTCH AIRE DP/2009-2010
NEWMAR/DUTCH STAR/2008-2010

Mfr's Report Date: September 20, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-467

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DRUM:CHAMBER
SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 278

Problem Description:

Newmar is recalling certain model year 2008-2010 Dutch Star and 2009-2010 Dutch Aire motorhomes, built on a Spartan chassis equipped with a Hendrickson independent front suspension. The front brake chambers may contact the upper control arm of the independent front suspension. Continued contact may result in damage sufficient enough to prevent the full release of the brakes. If the brakes do not fully release, as they drag, heat could be generated causing the brakes to engage even further.

Consequence:

As the brakes heat up, they may self-engage, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan Motors will notify owners and repair the vehicles. The manufacturer has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Newmar Corporation 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>.

Newmar is required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

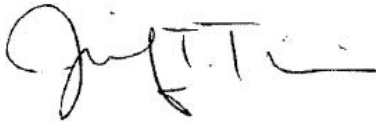
It is our understanding that Spartan Motors will be distributing the owner notification letters. A draft owner notification is required to be submitted to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

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).

It is our understanding that Spartan Motors will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Newmar Corporation is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if Spartan Motors' safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Newmar Corporation to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

Your contact for this recall will be Joshua Neff who may be reached by phone at 202-366-0698, or by email at joshua.neff@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement