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**Defect and Noncompliance Information Report**

On September 11, 2012; Newmar Corporation received "advance" notification from Spartan Motors of a potential equipment defect relating to motor vehicle safety that may exist in the vehicles listed below. The 9/11/12 notice from Spartan Motors did not contain enough information to determine whether or not Newmar products were affected by this potential defect. Following further dialog with Spartan, Newmar Corporation determined on September 19, 2012 that Newmar products are affected by this Spartan Motors recall #12V-429. Newmar Corporation is therefore furnishing notification of this defect and recall to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 and 49 CFR Part 573.6.

Newmar Corporation's campaign identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.

**Final State Vehicle Manufacturer**

Newmar Corporation  
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**Identification of Vehicles**

The vehicle models involved in this recall are:

2008 model year Dutch Star Class A motor home  
2009 model year Dutch Star Class A motor home  
2010 model year Dutch Star Class A motor home  
2009 model year Dutch Aire Class A motor home  
2010 model year Dutch Aire Class A motor home

These vehicles were manufactured by Newmar Corporation between 1/22/2007 and 4/05/2010.

**Comprehensive Vehicle Population**

The total number of vehicles included in this campaign is 278.

### **Effected Population Assessment**

100% of the vehicles identified above may contain defective equipment.

### **Defect Description**

Certain recreational vehicles manufactured by Newmar Corporation, as identified above, were built on chassis manufactured by Spartan Motors which were equipped by Spartan Motors with Hendrickson independent front suspension and air brake chambers that have been identified by Spartan Motors as potentially hazardous. According to information supplied by Spartan to Newmar, there is a possibility on some of these vehicles that the front brake chambers may contact the upper control arm of the independent front suspension leading to possible brake failure. Spartan Motors has filed recall NHTSA 12V-429 serving notice of their intent to recall these brake systems

Equipment Manufacturer:  
Spartan Motors  
1541 Reynolds Road  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
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### **Principle Event Chronology**

Newmar Corporation is reporting this recall following notification, by a representative of Spartan Motors of a potential defect.

Newmar Corporation is not aware of any property damage, injury, or death, in vehicles manufactured by Newmar Corporation, attributed directly or indirectly to this defect.

### **Defect Remedy Program**

Spartan Motors will be conducting this recall in its entirety. Spartan Motors has not yet advised Newmar of the nature of the remedy that Spartan will be applying to these vehicles and Newmar is awaiting further information from Spartan Motors at this time.

### **Distributed Notices and Other Communications**

None

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