



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Craig Cox
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355 N Delaware Street
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NVS-215KS
13V-438

Subject: Air Pressure Gauge Accuracy/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Cox:

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/ESSEX/2012
NEWMAR/KING AIRE/2012

Mfr's Report Date: September 16, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-438

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 31

Problem Description:

Newmar Corporation (Newmar) is recalling certain model year 2012 Essex and King Aire motor homes manufactured December 15, 2010, through August 15, 2011 on a Spartan Motors chassis. These vehicles are equipped with Ametek air pressure gauges that may exceed the air brake pressure accuracy requirements of plus or minus 7 percent. Thus, these vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard, No. 121, "Air Brake Systems."

Consequence:

A low air pressure condition may appear safe to the driver, leaving the operator ignorant of the true condition of the vehicle's air brake system, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan Motors will notify the affected owners on behalf of Newmar Corporation. Spartan Motors dealers will replace the air pressure gauge. A notification schedule has not yet been provided. Owners may contact Newmar Corporation at 1-574-773-7791 or Spartan Motors at 1-800-582-3454.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

We need to review a draft owner notification letter for this recall no less than five days prior to it being mailed to Newmar customers.

As stated in your report, we understand that Spartan Motors will be conducting this safety recall. However, since Newmar Corporation is responsible for the noncompliance in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Spartan's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Newmar to conduct a follow-up notification.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements take effect as early as October 2013. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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