



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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Newmar Corporation
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NVS-215KS
15V-727

Subject: ABS Modulator Valve may Fracture due to Contact

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/2012-2013
NEWMAR/KING AIRE/2012

Mfr's Report Date: November 3, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-727

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 60

Problem Description:

Newmar Corporation (Newmar) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Essex recreational vehicles manufactured March 22, 2011, to January 8, 2013, and 2012 King Aire recreational vehicles manufactured March 22, 2011, to March 31, 2011, and built on a Spartan Motors chassis. Due to contact with the steering relay rod, the ABS modulator valve may fracture resulting in air not being applied to the affected wheel's air brakes.

Consequence:

This may lengthen the distance needed to stop the vehicle or cause the vehicle to pull to one side when braking. Either condition increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan will notify owners on Newmar's behalf and Spartan dealers will reorient the ABS modulator valve and install spacers for additional clearance, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 30, 2015. Owners may contact Newmar customer service at 1-800-731-8300, or Spartan customer service at 1-517-543-6400. Newmar's number for this recall is 13V 392.

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 amend your Defect Information report to reflect that the population of affected vehicles is 60, although 45 have already been remedied and therefore only 15, or 25%, remain defective.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

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

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