



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

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NEF-150KS
17V-809

Subject: Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

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/ALL STAR/2007-2009
NEWMAR/BAY STAR/2007-2018
NEWMAR/BAY STAR SPORT/2012-2018
NEWMAR/CANYON STAR/2007-2018
NEWMAR/DUTCH AIRE DP/2009-2010
NEWMAR/DUTCH STAR/1998-2018
NEWMAR/ESSEX/2003-2018
NEWMAR/GRAND STAR/2008
NEWMAR/KING AIRE/2008-2018
NEWMAR/KOUNTRY AIRE/1995-2002
NEWMAR/KOUNTRY STAR/1995-2008
NEWMAR/LONDON AIRE/1995-2018
NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE/1995-2018
NEWMAR/NEW AIRE/2001-2018
NEWMAR/NEWAIRE CLASSIC/2002
NEWMAR/NORTHERN STAR/2004-2005
NEWMAR/SCOTTSDALE/2003-2006
NEWMAR/VENTANA/2006-2018
NEWMAR/VENTANA LE/2012-2018

Mfr's Report Date: December 15, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-809

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 34,699

Problem Description:

Newmar Corporation (Newmar) is recalling various 1995-2018 motorhomes. A list of the affected vehicles available at: <https://>

static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17V809-2309.pdf. These motorhomes are equipped with Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Indicator' Fire Extinguishers that may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or excessive force may be needed to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf>

Consequence:

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Newmar will notify owners, and instruct them to contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 13, 2018. Owners may contact Kidde customer service toll-free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information or owners may contact Newmar customer service at 1-574-773-7791. Newmar's number for this recall is 17E-062.

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.

We have received Newmar's proposed owner notification letter and it has been approved for distribution.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

We understand that you intend for Kidde to supply the required six quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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,



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