

June 5, 2018

Mr. Craig Cox Codes and Compliance Manager Newmar Corporation 355 N Delaware Street Nappanee, IN 46550

Subject: Diesel Exhaust Fluid Tank Bracket Contacting Tire

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/MOUNTAIN AIRE/2016-2018

Mfr's Report Date: May 11, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-307

**Components:** FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 96

## **Problem Description:**

Newmar Corporation (Newmar) is recalling certain 2016-2018 Newmar Mountain Aire motorhomes. The Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) tank bracket may contact the tag axle tire, possibly causing tire damage.

## **Consequence:**

If the bracket damages the tire, it can cause tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

## **Remedy:**

Newmar will notify owners, and Spartan Motors dealers will move the DEF bracket away from the tire, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 10, 2018. Owners may contact Newmar customer service at 1-800-731-8300.

## 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.



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We assume that besides moving the bracket to prevent contact with the tag axle tire, any tire that has already been damaged by the bracket will be also replaced free of charge as part of the remedy.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter 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).

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 the Spartan Motors will be performing the recall remedy and therefore we expect that they will be submitting the required recall completion rate reports.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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

