

August 29, 2018

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

Subject: Caliper Mounting Bolts Insufficiently Tightened

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/2018 NEWMAR/LONDON AIRE/2017-2018 NEWMAR/MOUNTAIN AIRE/2018 NEWMAR/VENTANA/2017-2019 NEWMAR/VENTANA LE/2017-2019

Mfr's Report Date: August 2, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-505

#### **Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: FOUNDATION COMPONENTS: DISC: CALIPER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 119

# **Problem Description:**

Newmar Corporation (Newmar) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Newmar Ventana LE and Ventana motorhomes, 2018 Mountain Aire and Essex motorhomes, and 2017-2018 London Aire motorhomes. The brake caliper mounting bolts on these vehicles may be insufficiently tightened, allowing the bolts to loosen.

# **Consequence:**

If the brake caliper mounting bolts loosen, braking performance may be reduced, increasing the risk of a crash.

# **Remedy:**

Newmar will notify owners, and authorized Daimler Trucks service centers will inspect the caliper mounting bolts and tighten them to the proper specification, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 1, 2018. Owners may contact Newmar customer service at 1-800-731-8300. Newmar's number for this recall is 18V-353.

#### 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 have received Newmar's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it 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.

Please identify whether Newmar or DTNA will be providing 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

