

# NEWMAR CORPORATION

## WARRANTY DEPARTMENT

TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN							
DATE ISSUED		MODEL YEAR(S) AFFECTED		MODEL(S) AFFECTED		TSB #	
5/28/08		All Domestic Units RETAILED after 6/2/08		All		342	
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DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM							
<p>The Federal Government has modified the FMVSS (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards) in regard to weight sticker information. <b>FMVSS 120 now requires all RV's have their Weight Labels modified if more than 100 lbs has been added to the unit between the time of manufacture and the time of first retail delivery.</b></p> <p>There have been recent amendments to Title 49 Section 571.120 in the Code of Federal Regulations (FMVSS 120) specifying new requirements for occupant and cargo carrying capacity labels in recreational vehicles. RVIA has removed its weight label requirements upon implementation of the newly legislated requirements.</p>							
RECOMMENDED SOLUTION							
<p>The attached summary provides detailed information to the dealer regarding this change in labeling. Please note that this legislation is <b>effective June 2, 2008</b>, and is for domestic units only. This legislation is applicable to both motorized and towable RV's, and <b>INSTALLATION OF THE LABEL IS THE DEALERS RESPONSIBILITY TO COMPLETE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST RETAIL SALE IF OVER 100 LBS OF ITEMS HAVE BEEN ADDED AT THE DEALERSHIP (A WASHER / DRYER, OR GENSET FOR EXAMPLE). NEWMAR CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF THIS DEALER INSTALLED LABEL.</b></p> <p>Also attached you will find additional information, and label samples. The complete label can be ordered from "Deco-Art"; their contact information is also attached.</p> <p>Read in detail the "Summary" attachment; if you have any questions, please contact a Newmar representative. Newmar assumes no liability with this TSB; it is provided as a courtesy to our dealers, and should not in any way be construed as legal advice or legal interpretation of the law.</p>							

If you have any questions regarding this T.S.B., please contact a Warranty Service Representative at Newmar Corporation.

This document is to provide dealers notification of new responsibilities and obligations they may have due to recent changes in federal law. This document is to provide information only and is not to be represented as interpretation of law nor represented as legal advice. This notification is being posted as a service to our customers and Newmar Corporation is not responsible for the accuracy of this document.

There have been recent amendments to Title 49 Section 571.120 in the Code of Federal Regulations (FMVSS 120) specifying new requirements for occupant and cargo carrying capacity labels in recreational vehicles. RVIA has removed its weight label requirements upon implementation of the newly legislated requirements. The amendments to FMVSS 120 affect both RV manufacturers and RV dealers.

A new weight label is now required to be installed, by the RV manufacturer, on all motorized and towable recreational vehicles. There are specific guidelines for the content and presentation of these new labels. For motorized units, a permanent label is placed on the wall next to the driver's seating position adjacent to the federal certification label. This label is not to be removed. A temporary label, intended to be in place through the first retail sale, is located on the forward-most exterior passenger door. For towable units, a permanent label is located on the forward-most exterior passenger door on the right side of all units. This label is not to be removed.

Federal law requires RV dealers to supplement or correct carrying capacity labels if more than 100 pounds in weight (appliances, entertainment devices, generators, etc.) is added between final vehicle certification and first retail sale. This label correction responsibility lies solely on the dealer. A label meeting the FMVSS 120 requirements is available from Dec-O-Art for dealers to purchase and install as required if they add more than 100 pounds of content to a recreational vehicle.

Weight values may be entered with a black, fine-point, indelible marker. Crossing out of old values and entering corrected values on the original label is not permissible. Weight values must be displayed to the nearest pound.

Acceptable methods for correctly reporting added weight include:

- Affix load carrying capacity modification labels within 1 inch of both the original temporary and original permanent certification labels. *See information on attached Dec-O-Art label.*
- Overlay or replace the original permanent and original temporary certification labels with analogous labels displaying all original language and correct load carrying capacity weight values.

The effective date of these requirements is June 2, 2008.

These requirements are applicable to domestic vehicles only.

# Cargo carrying capacity labels for RV dealers

**CAUTION: LOAD  
CARRYING CAPACITY**

**REDUCED**

**Modifications to this  
vehicle have reduced  
the original load  
carrying capacity by**

**kg or**

**lbs**

**FD-317**

**Part #: FD-317**

**Size: 17/8" x 15/16"**

## **Who needs to use this label?**

The Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 571.120 and 571.110 require RV and trailer dealers to use this label.

## **Where should you put the label?**

You need to place the label in close proximity to the existing tire placard.

## **Where can you get this label?**

Cargo carrying capacity labels are in stock at Dec-O-Art and will ship within 24 hours of your order.

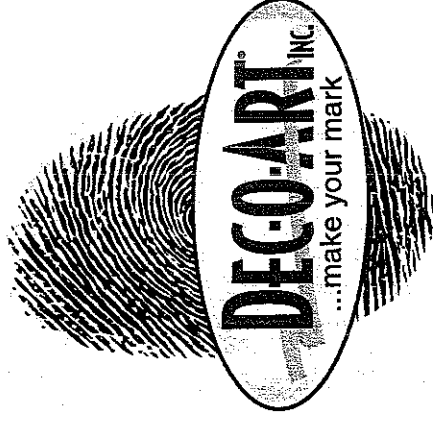
## **Have more questions?**

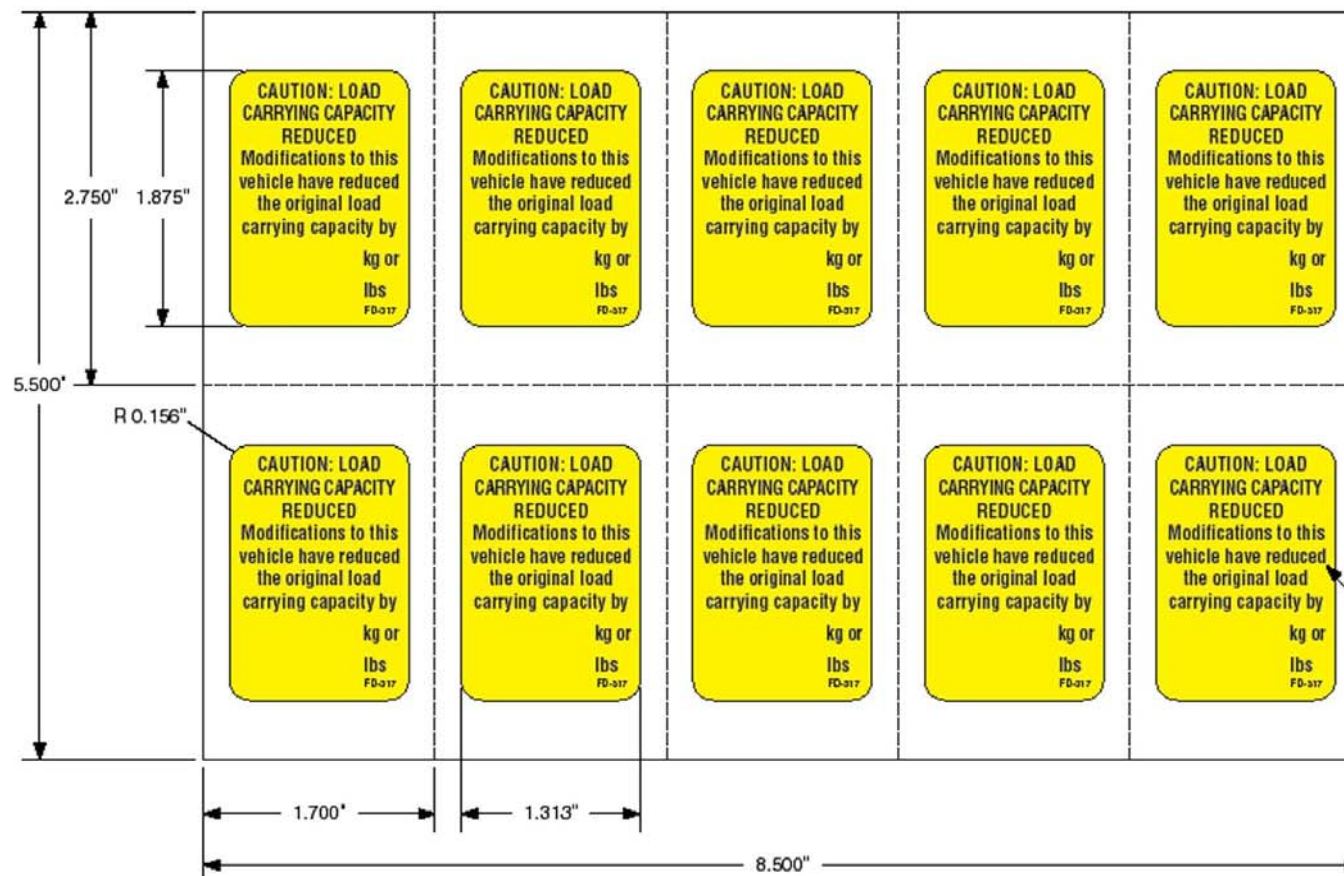
Contact Dec-O-Art for answers:

**800-225-6879**

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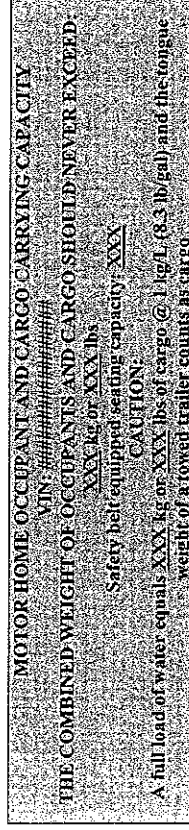


Figure 1 - Motor Home Occupant and Cargo Carrying Capacity Label



Figure 2 - RV Trailer Cargo Carrying Capacity Label



Figure 3 - Load Carrying Capacity Modification Label

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■ 5. Section 571.120 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended by revising the section heading, by revising S1, by revising S2, and by adding S10 through S10.5.2 to read as follows:

§ 571.120 **Tire selection and rims and motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information for motor vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds).**

S1. *Scope.* This standard specifies tire and rim selection requirements, rim marking requirements and motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information.

S2. *Purpose.* The purpose of this standard is to provide safe operational performance by ensuring that vehicles to which it applies are equipped with tires of adequate size and load rating and with rims of appropriate size and

type designation, and by ensuring that consumers are informed of motor home/recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity.

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S10. Each motor home and recreation vehicle (RV) trailer must meet the applicable requirements in S10.

S10.1 On motor homes, the sum of the gross axle weight ratings (GAWR) of all axles on the vehicle must not be less than the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR).

S10.2 On RV trailers, the sum of the GAWRs of all axles on the vehicle plus the vehicle manufacturer's recommended tongue weight must not be less than the GVWR. If tongue weight is specified as a range, the minimum value must be used.

S10.3 The tires on each motor home and RV trailer at first retail sale must be

the same size as the tire size on the labeling required by S5.3.

S10.4 Each motor home and RV trailer single stage or final stage manufacturer must affix either a motor home occupant and cargo carrying capacity (OCCC) label (Figure 1) or a RV trailer cargo carrying capacity (CCC) label (Figure 2) to its vehicles that meets the following criteria:

S10.4.1 The RV load carrying capacity labels (Figures 1 and 2) must be legible, visible, moisture resistant, have a minimum print size of 2.4 millimeters ( $\frac{9}{32}$  inches) high, and be printed in black print on a yellow background.

S10.4.2 The weight value for load carrying capacity on the RV load carrying capacity labels (Figures 1 and 2) must be displayed to the nearest kilogram with conversion to the nearest

pound and must be such that the vehicle's weight does not exceed its GVWR when loaded with the stated load carrying capacity. The UVW and the GVWR used to determine the RV's load carrying capacity must reflect the weights and design of the motor home or RV trailer as configured for delivery to the dealer/service facility. If applicable, the weight of full propane tanks must be included in the RV's UVW and the weight of on-board potable water must be treated as cargo.

S10.4.3 The RV load carrying capacity labels (Figures 1 and 2) must be:

- (a) Permanently affixed and must be visibly located on the interior of the forward-most exterior passenger door on the right side of the vehicle; or
- (b) If a permanent RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2) is affixed in the location specified at S5.3(b), a temporary version of the RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2) may be visibly located on the interior of the forward-most exterior passenger door on the right side of the vehicle.

S10.4.4 Permanent and temporary motor home OCCC labels must contain the following information in accordance with Figure 1:

- (a) The statement: "MOTOR HOME OCCUPANT AND CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY" in block letters.

(b) The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

- (c) The statement "THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF OCCUPANTS AND CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED: XXX kg or XXX lbs" in block letters with appropriate values included.

(d) The statement "Safety belt equipped seating capacity: XXX" with the appropriate value included. This is the total number of safety belt equipped seating positions.

- (e) The statement: "CAUTION: A full load of water equals XXX kg or XXX lbs of cargo @ 1 kg/L (8.3 lb/gal) and the tongue weight of a towed trailer counts as cargo" with appropriate values included.

S10.4.5 Permanent and temporary RV trailer CCC labels must contain the

following information in accordance with Figure 2:

- (a) The statement: "RECREATION VEHICLE TRAILER CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY" in block letters.

(b) The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

- (c) The statement: "THE WEIGHT OF CARGO SHOULD NEVER EXCEED: XXX kg or XXX lbs" in block letters with appropriate values included.

(d) The statement: "CAUTION: A full load of water equals XXX kg or XXX lbs of cargo @ 1 kg/L (8.3 lb/gal)" with appropriate values included.

S10.5 *Weight added to motor homes and RV trailers between final vehicle certification and first retail sale of the vehicle.*

S10.5.1 If weight exceeding 45.4 kg (100 pounds) is added to a motor home or RV trailer between final vehicle certification and first retail sale of the vehicle, the load carrying capacity values on the RV load carrying capacity labels (Figures 1 and 2) required by S10.4 must be corrected using one or a combination of the following methods:

- (a) Permanently affix the load carrying capacity modification label (Figure 3) which displays the amount the load carrying capacity is reduced to the nearest kilogram with conversion to the nearest pound, within 25 millimeters of the original, permanent RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2). The load carrying capacity modification label must be legible, visible, permanent, moisture resistant, presented in the English language, have a minimum print size of 2.4 millimeters (3/32 inches) high and be printed in black print on a yellow background. If the manufacturer selects S10.4.3(b), apply a temporary version of the load carrying capacity modification label (Figure 3) within 25 millimeters of the original, temporary RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2) on the interior of the forward-most exterior passenger door on the right side of the vehicle. Both temporary and permanent versions of the load carrying capacity modification label (Figure 3) may be printed without values and values may be legibly applied to the label with a

black, fine point, indelible marker. The label must contain the statements "CAUTION—LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY REDUCED" in block letters and "Modifications to this vehicle have reduced the original load carrying capacity by XXX kg or XXX lbs" in accordance with Figure 3 with appropriate values in place of XXX. If two load carrying capacity modification labels are required (one permanent and one temporary), the weight values on each must agree, or

- (b) Modify the original permanent RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2) with correct load carrying capacity weight values. If the manufacturer selects S10.4.3(b), the temporary RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2) must also be modified with correct load carrying capacity weight values. Modification of labels requires a machine printed overlay with printed corrected values or blanks for corrected values that may be entered with a black, fine-point, indelible marker. Crossing out old values and entering corrected values on the original label is not permissible, or

(c) Replace the original, permanent RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2) with the same label containing correct load carrying capacity weight values. If the manufacturer selects S10.4.3(b), the temporary RV load carrying capacity label (Figure 1 or 2) must also be replaced with the same label containing correct load carrying capacity weight values.

S10.5.2 Corrected load carrying capacity weight values or the weight amount the load carrying capacity is reduced, must reflect the total weight added between final vehicle certification and first retail sale and must be accurate within one percent of the actual added weight. No re-labeling is required if the weight of the vehicle is reduced between final vehicle certification and the first retail sale.

6. Section 571.120 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is amended by adding, after S10, Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3 to read as follows: