

FAULKNER, GARMHAUSEN, KEISTER & SHENK
A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
COURTVIEW CENTER - SUITE 300
100 SOUTH MAIN AVENUE
SIDNEY, OHIO 45365
(937) 492-1271
FAX: (937) 492-1306
www.fgks-law.com

HARRY N. FAULKNER
JOHN M. GARMHAUSEN
RALPH F. KEISTER
JAMES R. SHENK*
MICHAEL A. STAUDT
JAMES L. THIENAN**
THOMAS J. POTTS
DANIEL A. BENSMAN
WILLIAM C. LANG
DAVID B. SHUFFELTON
BRYAN A. NIEMEYER
JOHN H. REEDS

MINSTER, OHIO
(419) 828-2877

FT. LORAMIE OFFICE
31 E. MAIN STREET
P.O. BOX 380
FT. LORAMIE, OHIO 43045
(617) 295-2883
FAX: (617) 295-2833

SENDER'S E-MAIL
dberaman@fgks-law.com

*ALSO ADMITTED IN FLORIDA
**ALSO ADMITTED IN INDIANA

April 7, 2004

Amendment to
04V-127

**VIA FACSIMILE AND
CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. George H. Person
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Four Winds International Corporation
Recall No.: 04V-127

Dear Mr. Person:

As a follow-up to the Defect and Non-Compliance Report dated March 15, 2004, Four Winds International Corporation ("Four Winds") has determined that the procedure to correct the improper installation of the seat pedestal brace needs to be modified for the motorhomes built on a Workhorse chassis. This modified procedure is set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" and requires that a portion of the front truss on the motorhome chassis be cut out in order to properly install the seat pedestal brace.

The modified procedure set forth above is only required on six of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, which are the only motorhomes that were built on a Workhorse chassis. Upon receiving NHTSA's approval of the modified procedure, Four Winds will send the modified procedure to the dealers and authorized service centers that will be repairing the six motorhomes built on the Workhorse chassis.

Mr. George H. Person
April 7, 2004
Page 2

After you have reviewed the modified procedure, please provide my office with your approval so that the modified repair procedure can be sent out immediately.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. A. Bensman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Daniel A. Bensman

dja

Enclosure

cc: Four Winds International Corporation

G:\Thor\FW\NHTSA Rec\Person, George-NHTSA-04V-127.doc

EXHIBIT "A"

Seat Pedestal Brace:

The seat pedestal braces are located behind the front tires within the wheel wells and anchor the seat pedestals to the chassis frame.

Seat Pedestal Brace Adjustment Procedure:

Identify the brace, and inspect, insuring that there are 4 (four) $\frac{1}{4}$ X 1 - Flange Head Tec Screws securing the brace to the motor home chassis frame. If there are less than 4 (four) screws, proceed to secure the brace using $\frac{1}{4}$ X 1 Flange Head Tec Screws (refer to diagram 1-1). If upon inspection a seat pedestal brace is not present refer to diagram 1- 2 of this installation guide.

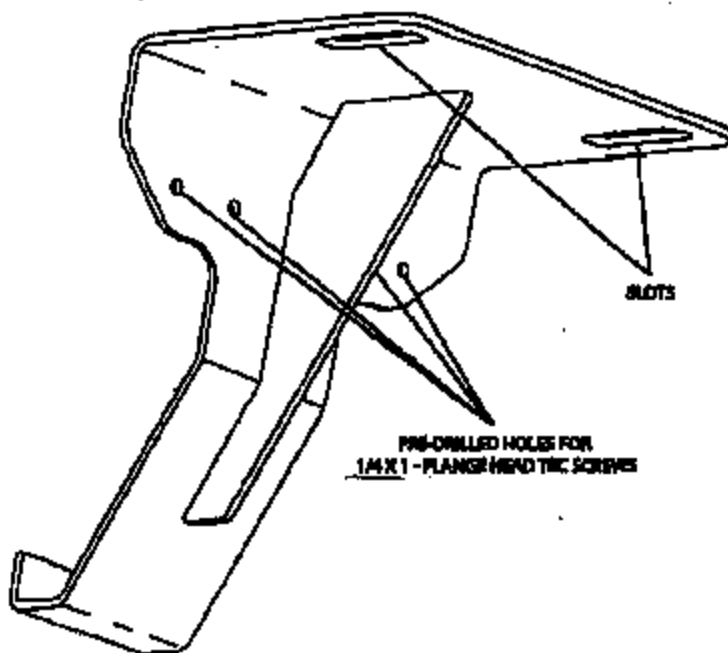


DIAGRAM 1-1

Seat Pedestal Brace Installation Procedure:

Upon inspection, if a seat pedestal brace is not present, installation of the brace is required immediately.

To proceed with installation, remove the seat pedestal's front $\frac{1}{2}$ -13 Hex Nuts from the $\frac{1}{2}$ -13 Hex Cap Screws, as well as the $\frac{1}{2}$ Lock Washers and the $\frac{1}{2}$ Flat Washers, which secure the seat pedestal to the doghouse frame.

Place the brace slots over the Hex Cap Screws. Replace the Flat Washer, followed by the Lock Washer and then the Hex Nut. Hand tighten the Hex Nut. Insure the back of the brace is flush with the front truss of the chassis frame.

Using the $\frac{1}{2}$ X 1 Flange Head Tec Screws, fasten the brace to the front truss (refer to diagram 1-1).

Torque the hex screw and nut to 65 lb.ft. Repeat procedure for the opposite seat pedestal.

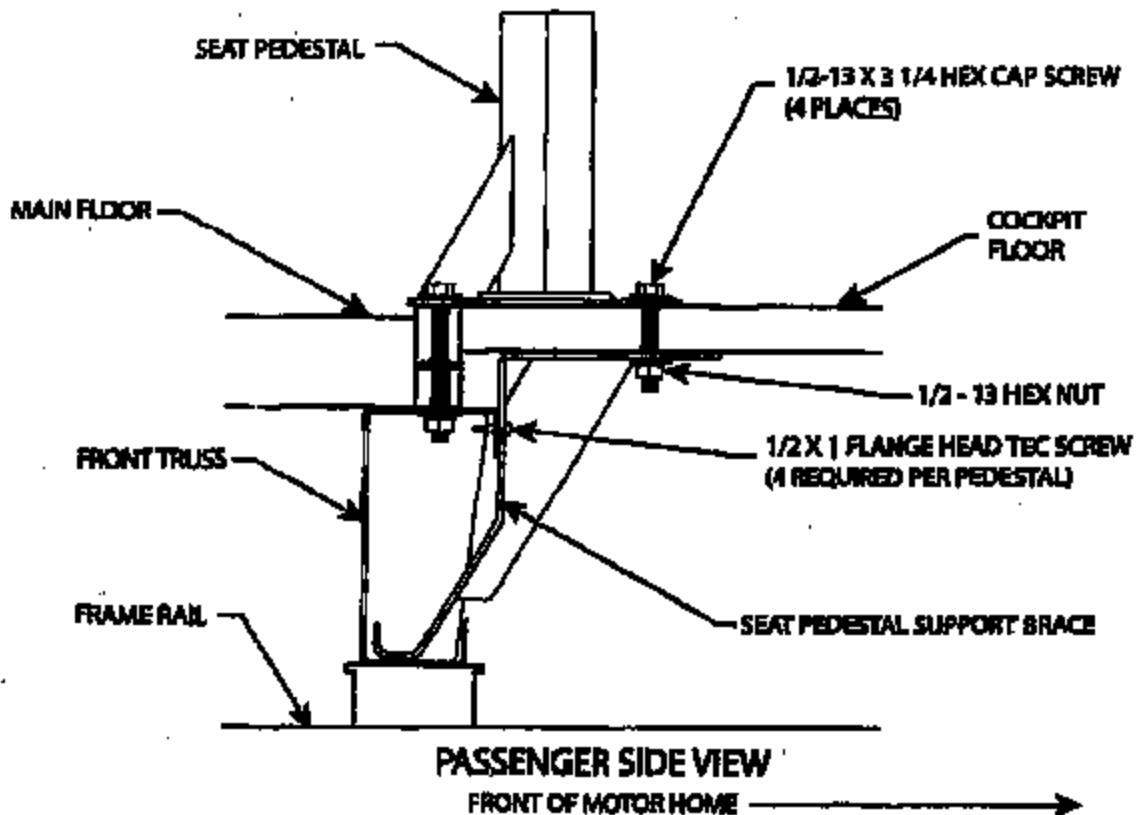


DIAGRAM 1-2

Seat Pedestal Brace Installation Procedure 34W Workhorse Chassis:

Upon inspection, if a seat pedestal brace is not present, installation of the brace is required immediately.

To proceed with installation, remove the seat pedestal's front $\frac{1}{2}$ -13 Hex Nuts from the $\frac{1}{2}$ -13 Hex Cap Screws, as well as the $\frac{1}{2}$ Lock Washers and the $\frac{1}{2}$ Flat Washers, which secure the seat pedestal to the doghouse frame.

Locate and identify the chassis Front Truss. To allow proper installation of the Seat Pedestal Brace a section of the Front Truss will need to be cut-out by the use of a plasma cutter (refer to diagram 1-4 for proper cut-out location).

Place the brace slots over the Hex Cap Screws. Replace the Flat Washer, followed by the Lock Washer and then the Hex Nut. Hand tighten the Hex Nut. Insure the back of the brace is flush with the front truss of the chassis frame.

Using the $\frac{1}{4}$ X 1 Flange Head Tee Screws, fasten the brace to the front truss (refer to diagram 1-1).

Torque the hex screw and nut to 65 lb.ft. Repeat procedure for the opposite seat pedestal.

Four Winds International has assigned a flat rate code of 1804-02 and a failure code of 030. Designated labor time for installation on a 34W model built on the Workhorse chassis is one hour per pedestal.

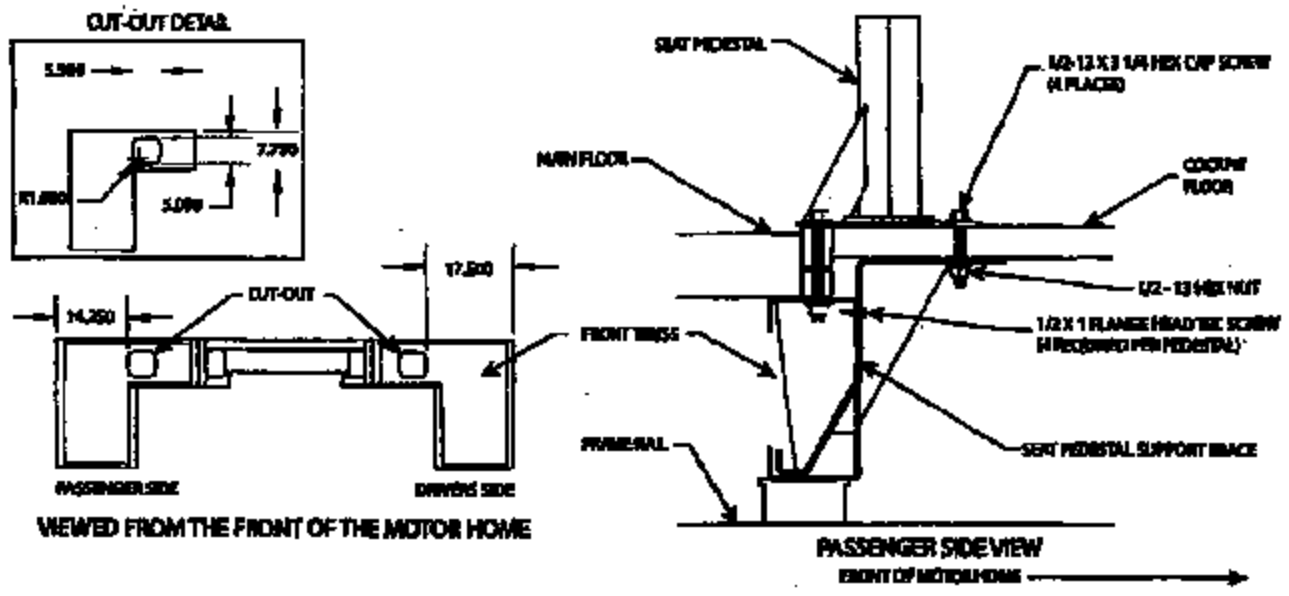


DIAGRAM 1-4