



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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355 NORTH DELAWARE STREET
NAPPANEE IN 46550

NVS-215dgl
07V-490

Subject: DRIVER SEAT/VILLA/FMVSS 207

Dear MS. WALKER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. 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/KING AIRE/2008
NEWMAR/LONDON AIRE/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-490

Mfg's Report Date: October 10, 2007

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 13

Summary:

CERTAIN DIESEL BUSMOTOR HOMES EQUIPPED WITH DRIVER SEATS BUILT BY VILLA INTERNATIONAL FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 207, "SEATING SYSTEMS." THE LOWER SLIDE RAILS OF THE AIR SUSPENSION CAN FAIL.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, SEPARATION OF THE SEAT FROM THE SEAT PEDESTAL MAY LEAD TO PERSONAL INJURY OF THE SEAT OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

NEWMAR IS WORKING WITH VILLA TO INSTALL TWO REINFORCEMENT TETHERS BETWEEN THE FRONT OF THE SEAT PEDESTAL AND THE TOP OF THE AIR SUSPENSION FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NEWMAR AT 574-773-7791.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of motor homes affected by this recall.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement