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October 9, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Defect Information Report; 07E-079 Certain Foretravel Vehicles
Equipped with Air Ride Driver Seats with air suspension and a
V2500/V2000 ISS ADNIK/VILLA frame manufactured by Villa
International.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Foretravel Motorcoach has been advised by Villa International that Driver Air Suspension seats installed as original equipment in certain Foretravel recreational vehicles may contain a safety related defect with respect to conformation to Federal Motor Vehicle Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems." On the basis of that Villa International decision, Foretravel Motorcoach has decided that there is a potential safety-related defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified driver Air Seats, and we are therefore submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 936-564-8367.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Harvey'.

Mark Harvey
Director of Warranty Services

Enclosure

Defect Information Report

1. Manufacturer's name/address

The manufacturer of the vehicles covered by this Report is:

Foretravel Motorcoach
1221 NW Stallings Drive
Nacogdoches, Texas 75964

2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreational vehicles that were equipped with **Driver Seats equipped with Air Ride Suspension and a V2500/V2000 ISS ADNİK/VILLA frame** manufactured by Villa International. The recreational vehicles covered by this report were manufactured between August 10, 2006 and August 22, 2007. The subject Foretravel vehicle models are as follows:

2007 Year model – Phenix – 11 total Coaches

2008 Year model – Phenix – 2 total Coaches

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 13.

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Based on the information received from Villa International... Foretravel estimates that 100% of the vehicles in the recall population may actually contain the defect.

5. Description of Defect:

The lower slide rails of the driver seat air suspension can fail in the event of a vehicle crash, potentially leading to the separation of the seat from the seat pedestal which may lead to personal injury of the vehicle occupant(s).

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Villa International notified Foretravel Motorcoach of the equipment recall # 07E-079 on October 3, 2007 by letter.

To date, Foretravel is not aware of any injuries or fatalities in its vehicles related to this defect.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Villa International is to supply Foretravel with service instructions and parts as soon as available to remedy this potential defect.

Service instructions and parts will be distributed throughout the Foretravel service network.

The remedy for the defect is to include installation of two reinforcement tethers between the front of the seat pedestal and the top of the air suspension.

8. Customer/owner notifications.

It is estimated that customer notifications will begin in November, 2007. The customer notice letter is in process and will be submitted in draft to the agency as soon as available.


Mark Harvey
Director of Warranty Services