

07V-490

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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles **Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**

In October, 2007, Newmar Corporation received a notification letter from Villa International informing of a defect which relates to motor safety existing in the vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

This report was prepared on October 10, 2007.

The manufacturer's identification number for this recall is 07E-079.

1. The "Final Stage" vehicle manufacturer.
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2. Identify the vehicle involved in the recall.

The vehicles involved in the recall are— **some model year 2006 and 2007 London Aire Diesel Buses and (1) model year 2008 King Aire Diesel Bus**

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance.

(13) are potentially involved

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.

100% of the vehicles listed above may contain the defect.

5. Describe the defect or non-compliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or non-compliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The lower slide rails of the air suspension on the driver's seat pedestal can fail.

5a. Describe the cause of the defect or noncompliance.

The slide rail on the lower air suspension on the driver's seat pedestal can fail to meet full load required by FMVSS 207.

5b. Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Within the air suspension, separation of the lower slide rails and suspension brackets before full load.

5c. Describe any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

There is no warning.

5d. If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address:

Generic Component Name: Air Ride Driver's Seat

Supplier Corporate Name: Villa International

Address: 13760 Midway Street
Cerritos, CA 90703

CEO or Knowledgeable Rep: Robert Long, Sales

6. If defect, furnish a chronological summary with dates of all the principal events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. Include number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

N/A

7. If noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data in chronological order with dates on which the noncompliance was determined.

September 17, 2007, Villa International performed a FMVSS 207 test on the Air Ride Driver Seat with isri air suspension and V2000 ISS ADNİK/VILLA FRAME. The seat failed to meet load requirements.

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

N/A

8a. Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/ assembly versus the recalled component/ assembly.

Tether straps will be attached to the pedestal

8b. Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Product is discontinued

8c. Furnish a recall schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/ retails, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.

Several of these units are still in Newmar's possession

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications concerning this recall.

Please see attached samples

9a. The manufacturer's campaign identification number if not identical to the number assigned by NHTSA.

Newmar's identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.
Villa's NHTSA assigned number: 07E-079

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RE: Villa International Air Suspension Seat Recall

Dear Motor Home Manufacturer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Reason for this Recall

Villa International has decided that certain Air Ride Driver seats with isri air suspension and a V2500/V2000 ISS ADNIK/VILLA frame manufactured between July 2005 and September 17, 2007, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems." The lower slide rails of the air suspension can fail in the event of a vehicle crash, potentially leading to separation of the seat from the seat pedestal which may lead to personal injury of the vehicle occupant(s). Our records indicate you purchased a driver seat included in the recall group directly from Villa International.

What You Should Do.

If you used one of these seats to manufacture a new motor home, you must notify the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and conduct a safety recall of those vehicles. It is critical that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Guidelines are followed in a timely manner and that your customers are notified to complete the repair as soon as possible. You may contact NHTSA with questions by e-mail to rmd.odi@dot.gov

If you have the recalled seat in your parts inventory, the repair must be performed before installation of the seat into the motor home. If the recalled seat is installed in a motor home that is still in your inventory, do not sell the motor home until the repair has been completed.

The remedy for the defect is to install two reinforcement tethers between the front of the seat pedestal and the top of the air suspension. Questions and a set of written instructions can be received by emailing robert@villainternational.com or calling (562) 404-8111.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, however, we have taken this action in the interest of your customer's safety and continued satisfaction with your products.

Sincerely,

Robert Long
Vice President of Sales
Villa International

Production numbers of the affected units:

1. 500003
2. 500004
3. 500006
4. 500007
5. 500008
6. 500009
7. 500010
8. 500011
9. 500012
10. 500014
11. 500015
12. 500016
13. 530014 (King Air DB)