



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jim Mariel
Villa International
13760 Midway Street
Cerritos, CA 90703

NVS-215KS
14E-009

Subject: Seat Belt Fray/FMVSS 209

Dear Mr. Mariel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Villa International's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. 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:

FLEETWOOD/AMERICAN EAGLE/2013-2014
FLEETWOOD/AMERICAN REVOLUTION/2013-2014
FLEETWOOD/AMERICAN TRADITION/2013-2014
TIFFIN/ALLEGRO BUS/2013
TIFFIN/ZEPHYR/2013
VILLA/ISS DRIVER/PASSENGER SEAT/9999

Mfr's Report Date: April 1, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14E-009

Components:

SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 623

Problem Description:

Villa International (Villa) is recalling certain Villa ISS GSK driver and passenger seats. These seats were used in certain model year 2013 Tiffin Allegro Bus, and Zephyr, and 2013-2014 Fleetwood American Eagle, American Tradition, and American Revolution motorhomes. The seat belt attachment may be incorrect and the seat belt may fray if it rubs along a steel bracket in the seat, reducing its strength. As such, these seats do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies."

Consequence:

The weakened seat belt may fail to properly restrain the seat occupant in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Villa will notify the affected vehicle manufacturers and the manufacturer's dealers will install a spacer and protective sheath onto the retractor side of the seat belt, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Villa at 1-888-707-7272.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to 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 be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to the vehicle manufacturers that purchased and installed the affected seats into motorhomes. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement