



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

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NVS-215KS  
14V-331

**Subject:** Seat Belt Fray/FMVSS 209

Dear Mr. Biazio:

This letter serves to acknowledge Allied Recreation Group, Inc.'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:**

AMERICAN COACH/AMERICAN EAGLE/2015  
AMERICAN COACH/AMERICAN REVOLUTION/2015  
AMERICAN COACH/AMERICAN TRADITION/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 16, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-331

**Components:**  
SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 14

**Problem Description:**

Allied Recreation Group, Inc. (Allied) is recalling certain model year 2015 American Coach-brand American Eagle, American Tradition and American Revolution motor homes equipped with certain Villa ISS powered driver and passenger GSK seats. 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:**

Allied will notify owners, and dealers will reinstall the seat belts using new fasteners. In addition, the seat belt webbing of the affected seats will be inspected and will be replaced if damage has resulted from an incorrect installation. Inspections and necessary repairs will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2014. Owners may contact American Coach customer service at 1-800-435-7345. Allied's number for this recall is 140615ARG.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Allied's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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:

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).

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement