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

Re: Notification Regarding Recreational Vehicles Equipped with Certain Defective Seats
Manufactured by Villa International (Ref. equipment recall campaign #14E-009)

Dear Mr. Smith:

Allied Recreation Group, Inc. (ARG) has been notified by Villa International (Villa) that certain driver and passenger seats supplied to ARG for installation as original equipment on recreational vehicles may contain a safety-related defect. On the basis of information supplied by Villa, ARG is submitting this report in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

- This report was prepared on June 16, 2014.
- Allied Recreation Group has assigned 140609ARG as an identification code to this recall.

This recall involves certain driver and passenger seats manufactured by Villa International:

Mr. Jim Mariel
Villa International
13760 Midway Street
Cerritos, CA 90703
Telephone: 574-389-8383

On June 9, 2014, ARG received a notification letter from Villa advising of their determination that the subject driver and passenger seats may contain a safety-related defect, and describing Villa's program for remedying the potentially defective products. On the basis of Villa's determination, ARG decided to submit this defect notice in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

According to Villa, the affected products include certain ABTS driver and passenger seats, with a seat belt system contained within and attached only to the seat assembly. The subject seats were delivered to ARG between October 1, 2012 and February 28, 2013.

Based on ARG's purchasing and manufacturing records, the following Class A, American Coach brand vehicles shipped by ARG may have been equipped with the subject seats:

Model Year	Product	Dates of Manufacture	Driver Seat ARG Part #	Passenger Seat ARG Part #
2013	American Eagle	10/19/2012 through 3/11/2013	U07-0001	U07-0002
2013	American Revolution	10/22/2012 through 2/7/2013	U07-0003	U07-0004
2013	American Tradition	10/16/2012 through 3/15/2013	U07-0007	U07-0008
2014	American Eagle	4/17/2013 (single unit)	U07-0017	U07-0018
2014	American Revolution	3/29/2013 through 5/6/2013	U07-0019	U07-0020

Approximately (57) ARG motor homes manufactured with the subject Villa Seats are affected. According to the letter from Villa, 100% of the seats delivered between 10/1/2012 and 2/28/2013 may actually contain the defect.

According to the notification letter from Villa, the seat belt bracket ends attached to the seat frame may be improperly installed. This condition could compromise the seat belt over a period of time resulting in a seat belt failure in the event of a vehicular collision. Therefore, the affected seats do not meet the requirements of FMVSS 209 (Seat Belt Assemblies).

Villa's planned remedy is to install a spacer and a protective sheath to the retractor side of the seat belt. In addition, Villa's notification letter advised that "when an incorrect hinge installation has been identified, the seat belt webbing must be inspected for fraying of the webbing fabric. If fraying of the webbing fabric is evident, then the seat belt assembly must be replaced."

ARG has no reason to disagree with this action or the recall remedy. ARG will conduct the dealer and customer notification mailings and coordinate repairs through ARG dealers utilizing repair parts specified by Villa. ARG will monitor campaign performance.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Biazo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Craig Biazo
National Warranty Manager
Allied Recreation Group, Inc.

Cc: Jim@VillaInternational.com