



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

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NVS-215KS  
14V-330

**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/2013-2014  
AMERICAN COACH/AMERICAN REVOLUTION/2013-2014  
AMERICAN COACH/AMERICAN TRADITION/2013

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

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-330

**Components:**  
SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 57

**Problem Description:**

Allied Recreation Group, Inc. (Allied) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 American Coach-brand American Eagle and American Revolution and certain 2013 American Tradition motor homes equipped with certain Villa ISS GSK driver and passenger 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 inspect the seat belt attachment hardware and if necessary, reinstall the seat belts using new hardware and a protective sheath on the retractor side of the belt. 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 manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact American Coach Owner Relations at 1-800-435-7345. Allied's number for this recall is 140609ARG.

**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).

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 submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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