

**RECALL
BULLETIN:
131112FRV**

**YEAR(S)
AFFECTED:**
2014

**PRODUCT(S)
AFFECTED:**
American Eagle,
American Heritage,
American Revolution,
American Tradition,
Boulder, Boulder
Classic, Discovery,
Excursion,
Expedition, Jamboree
Searcher, Jamboree
Sport, Providence,
Southwind, Storm,
Terra, Terra SE, Tioga
Montara, and Tioga
Ranger
manufactured
between
August 21, 2013
and
November 13, 2013

**MODEL(S)
AFFECTED:**
All equipped with
Indiana Mills &
Manufacturing,
Inc. seat belt, Item
#F10193 (Fleetwood
p/n L17-0003-03)

SUBJECT:
Inspection/
replacement of
seat belt buckles

KEYWORDS:
Seat belt, seatbelt

ISSUE DATE:
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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all Fleetwood RV dealers about the need to inspect, and if necessary replace seat belt buckles on certain model year 2014 Class A motor homes. A list of affected units appears at the end of this bulletin.

CONDITION:

On motor homes affected by this recall, certain seat belt assemblies, manufactured by Indiana Mills & Manufacturing, Inc., may be equipped with buckles which are potentially noncompliant with S4.3(g) of Federal Standard FMVSS 209 and S4.3(g) of Canadian Standard CMVSS 209. The locking pawl of the affected seat belt buckle may have a burr which may catch the edge of the latch plate when the button is pressed to unlatch the buckle and prevent the buckle from unlatching.

CORRECTION:

Follow the steps below to inspect, and if necessary, replace the buckle portion of the seat belt. Read this entire document before proceeding.

1. Park the motor home on level pavement. Place the transmission in Park (Neutral) and set the parking brake. Turn off the key and remove it from the ignition. Maintain control of keys until all repairs are performed.
2. Locate the lap-style seat belts installed for the bench seats. There may be several seat belts in each affected vehicle requiring inspection. Following the instructions supplied by Indiana Mills, Inc., (Fig. 1 on Page 2) locate the date code of each seat belt buckle and determine whether or not the seat belt buckle requires replacement. Use masking tape to mark any seat belt buckle requiring replacement. Repeat for all lap-style seat belts inside the vehicle.
 - A. If there are no seat belt buckles requiring replacement per the inspection, the procedure is completed and no further work is required.
 - B. If one or more seat belt buckles require replacement, continue to Page 3, SEAT BELT BUCKLE REPLACEMENT.

Note: Three-point seat belts, which have an integral shoulder belt, do not require inspection per this bulletin.

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L9 SEAT BELT BUCKLE INSPECTION GUIDE



Follow these instructions to determine if your L9 seat belt buckle needs to be replaced.

- 1)  Verify you have an IMMI buckle by looking for the IMMI logo on the back housing.

- 2) Verify you have an IMMI L9 buckle.



L9 Buckle



H2 Buckle



C2 Buckle

- 3) Find the buckle assembly date code on the back housing of the buckle.
- 4) There are 2 different date code formats as illustrated below.

SALTILLO MEXICO

Suspect code range is
13220 through 13256

YEAR	DAY
13	230

14

WESTFIELD, IN US

Suspect code range is
214 13 through 256 13

DAY	YEAR
241	13

- 5) If your buckle code is within either of the ranges above, replace your buckle with the substitute buckle.
- 6) If your code does **NOT** fall within either range, you do **NOT** need to replace your buckle.



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Figure 1

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SEAT BELT BUCKLE REPLACEMENT

To be performed only on seat belt buckle(s) determined to require replacement according to the inspection procedures on Pages 1-2 of this Bulletin. **Repair includes only the installation of the buckle section of the belt.**

1. Remove the hardware securing the seat belt buckle section to the floor; retain for installation of the new seat belt buckle. **Set aside the removed seat belt section for return to Allied Recreation Group for warranty claim processing.**
2. Mount the new seat belt buckle section to the floor at the original attachment point. Secure with the bolts, lock washers, and flat washers using the stacking order shown in Figure 2. Torque each bolt to 30-35 ft-lbs.

NOTE: Hand-start the bolt to avoid cross-threading.

3. Verify each new seat belt buckle is installed correctly and operates properly; correct as necessary. Ensure the seat belt is positioned on the seat in a visible location.

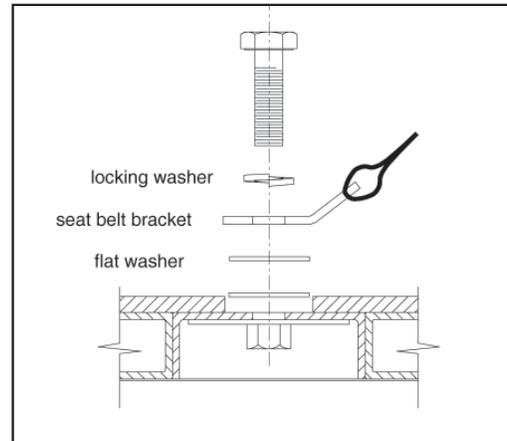


Figure 2

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, contact Allied Recreation Group
Dealer Technical Support at:
800-816-9825

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PARTS

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
610584	L9 WEB BUCKLE (P/O L17-0003-03) <i>Includes only the buckle portion of the seat belt</i>	As required **

** Order quantity of buckles needed as determined by the inspection results, see Pages 1-2.

TOOLS

Torque Wrench

WARRANTY LABOR ALLOWANCE:

Recall 131112FRV, Seat Belt Buckle Inspection/Correction

Use only one flat rate code per warranty claim.

Use Flat Rate Codes:

6027-11 Inspected/Not Defective 0.30 Hr.
Includes inspection of all bench style seat belts inside the vehicle regardless of quantity.

6027-12 Inspected/Defective/Repaired RP (Return Parts)
Includes inspection of all bench style seat belts inside the vehicle regardless of quantity, plus installation time per replaced seat belt buckle.

See the chart below to calculate the total warranty labor allowance for each "defective/repaired" claim. A sample is provided.

# Seat Belts Replaced and Returned to Allied Recreation Group	Inspection Time	Repair Time	Total Warranty Labor Allowance
1	0.30	0.20	0.50
2	0.30	0.40	0.70
3	0.30	0.60	0.90
4	0.30	0.80	1.10
5	0.30	1.00	1.30
6	0.30	1.20	1.50
7	0.30	1.40	1.70

Sample Claim: (5 seat belts inspected; 2 buckles replaced)

Flat Rate Code: 6027-12

Labor: 0.70 Hr.

Description: Inspected 5 seat belts per recall bulletin 131112FRV, replaced 2 buckles.

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