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Decatur, Indiana 46733

June 16, 2014 (amended 6/24/2014)

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-015)

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 140615ARG 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 January 13, 2014 and March 31, 2014.

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 # |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2015       | American Eagle      | 02/06/2014 through 03/12/2014 | U07-0028                     | U07-0029                  |
| 2015       | American Revolution | 02/14/2014 through 03/11/2014 | U07-0019                     | U07-0020                  |
| 2015       | American Tradition  | 02/13/2014 through 04/01/2014 | U07-0021                     | U07-0022                  |
| 2015       | American Tradition  | 02/17/2014                    | Special Order Seats (1 unit) |                           |

Approximately 16 ARG motor homes manufactured with the subject Villa Seats are affected. According to the letter from Villa, 100% of the seats delivered between 1/13/2014 and 3/31/2014 may actually contain the defect.

According to the notification letter from Villa, "the seat belt bracket ends attached to the seat frame single link may be improperly installed. The affected seats 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).

According to Villa's defect report, the planned remedy is to repair the single link system "with the proper fasteners and sequence of fasteners for reattaching the seat belt." In addition, Villa's notification letter advised that "the seat belt webbing must be inspected for fraying of the webbing fabric in the area of the single link. If fraying of the webbing fabric has been detected 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