

Recall Bulletin 140609ARG

ALLIED RECREATION GROUP



**RECALL
BULLETIN:
140609ARG**

**YEAR(S)
AFFECTED:**
2013, 2014

**PRODUCT(S)
AFFECTED:**

2013 American Eagle,
American Revolution,
American Tradition
and
2014 American
Eagle and American
Revolution
manufactured
between
October 16, 2012 and
May 6, 2013

**MODEL(S)
AFFECTED:**

All equipped with Villa
International brand
powered driver and
passenger seats,
ARG part numbers:
U07-0001, U07-0002,
U07-0003, U07-0004,
U07-0007, U07-0008,
U07-0017, U07-0018,
U07-0019, U07-0020

SUBJECT:
Inspection/
correction of seat
belt mounting
hardware

KEYWORDS:
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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all Allied Recreation Group dealers about the need to inspect, and if necessary, correct the seat belt mounting assembly on certain Villa International brand powered pilot (driver) and copilot seats. The list of American Coach brand motor homes affected by this recall appears at the end of this bulletin.

CONDITION:

Motor homes affected by this recall may be equipped with certain Villa International brand powered driver and passenger seats, with improperly installed seat belt bracket attachment assemblies. Improperly installed attachment hardware could damage and weaken the seat belt over a period of time, potentially resulting in a seat belt failure.

INSPECTION:

Read this entire document before proceeding.

Note: These instructions pertain only to the Villa brand powered pilot (driver) and copilot seats installed in the specific motor homes listed on Pages 5-6 of this Bulletin..

Follow the steps below to inspect, and if necessary, repair the seat belt mounting assembly using the correct hardware and assembly method. If seat belt damage is discovered during the inspection, contact Allied Recreation Group for prior authorization (PAR) and further instructions.

1. Park the motor home on level pavement. Place the transmission in 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. Inspect both the pilot (driver) seat and co-pilot (passenger) seat:
 - a. Locate the seat belt mounting assembly attached to the seat.
 - b. Refer to the inspection diagram supplied by Villa (Fig. 1 on Page 2) to determine whether or not the hinge link for the seat belt attachment assembly was installed correctly.
 - c. If one or more seat belt attachment assemblies require correction, proceed to Page 3, Seat Belt Attachment Assembly Correction.
If no seat belt attachment assemblies require correction, the procedure is completed and no further work is required.

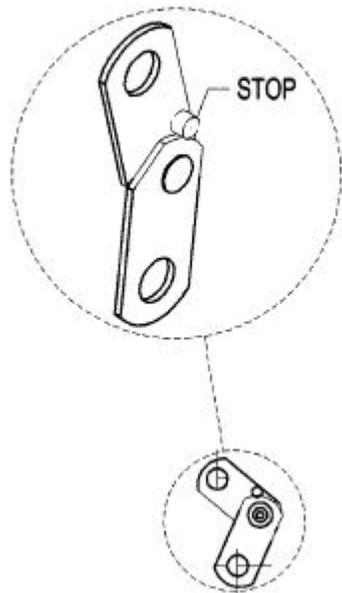
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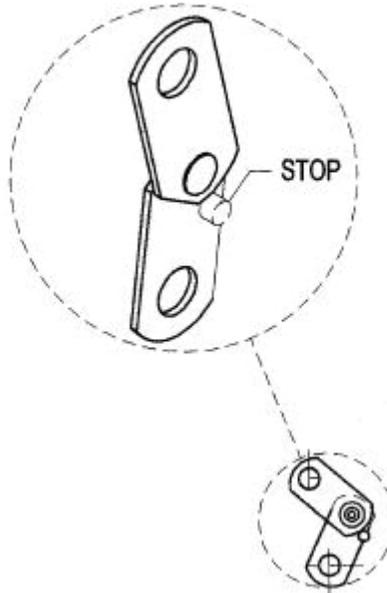
INSPECTION OF THE ABTS HINGE LINK

CORRECT INSTALLATION OF THE ABTS HINGE LINK



The ABTS hinge link is installed correctly when the upper link with the stop is toward the seat frame and the lower link is outboard from the seat frame.

INCORRECT INSTALLATION OF THE ABTS HINGE LINK



The ABTS hinge link is installed incorrectly when the upper link is outboard from the seat frame and the lower link with the stop is inboard from the seat frame.

Figure 1
Left side of driver's seat shown.
Right side passenger seat the same.

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SEAT BELT ATTACHMENT ASSEMBLY CORRECTION

To be performed only on seat belt assemblies determined to require correction according to the inspection procedures on Pages 1-2 of this Bulletin.

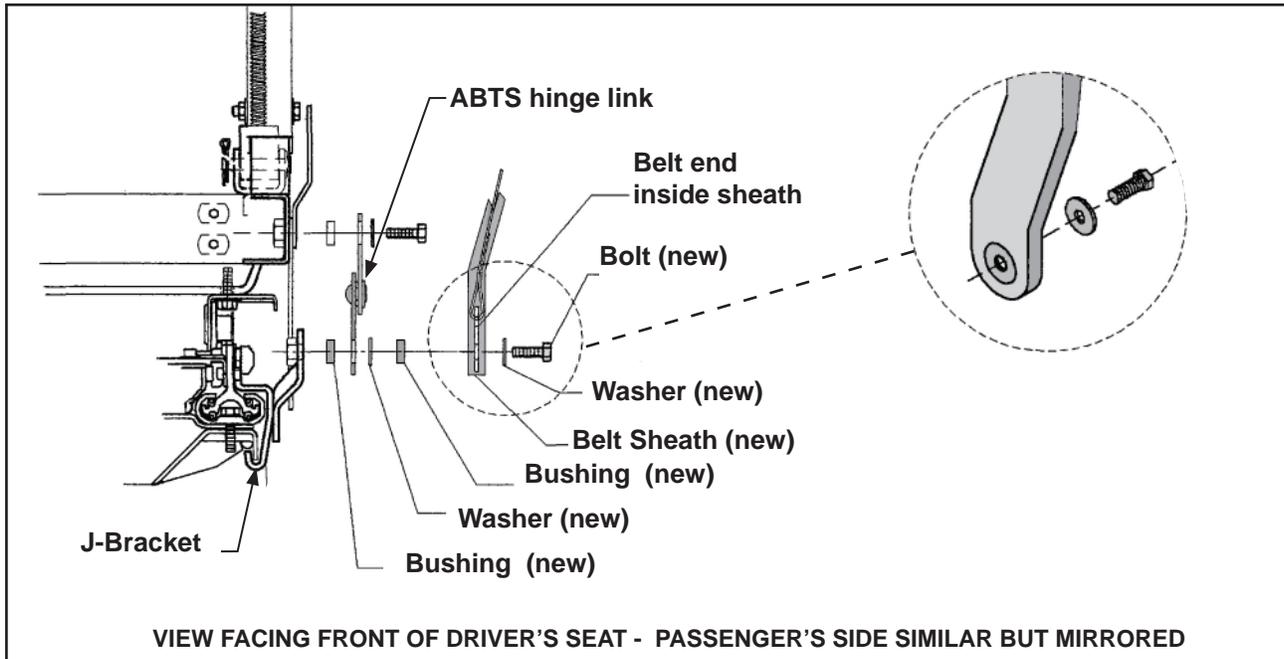


Figure 2

1. Remove the hardware fastening the seat belt to the seat base assembly. Discard the original bolt, bushing, and washers.
 Note: The new bolt supplied with the repair kit is longer than the original bolt; this will enable full thread engagement into the J-bracket nut.
2. Ensure the seat belt is free of twists, then slide the belt sheath (included with the recall kit) onto the seat belt as shown in Figures 2 and 3.

Note: Each repair kit contains parts to repair one seat assembly. Two kits are required if both the pilot and copilot seats are determined defective per the inspection.

3. Referring to the installation diagram in Figure 2 and the photos (Figures 3 & 4), reinstall the seat belt to the seat base using the new hardware included in the recall kit. Ensure the assembly order is correct. Torque the attachment bolt to 20 ft-lbs.

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



Figure 3 - view facing side of seat



Figure 4

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4. Verify the seat belt is installed correctly and operates properly; correct as necessary.
5. Repeat steps 1-4 for the opposite seat if required.

PARTS

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
615186	Recall 140609ARG Repair Kit	As required*
	<i>Kit Contains:</i>	
	Belt sheath, qty. 1	
	Bushing, qty. 2	
	Bolt, grade 5 hex head 7/16 - 20 x 1.5", qty. 1	
	Washers 7/16, USS	
	Instruction Drawings (Villa prints #02 and #04)	

* *Repair kit includes parts to repair 1 seat assembly. Two kits are required if both the pilot and copilot seats are determined defective per the inspection.*

TOOLS

Torque Wrench

WARRANTY LABOR ALLOWANCE:

Recall 140609ARG, Villa Seat Belt Attachment Hardware Inspection/Correction

Use Flat Rate Codes:

6028-11	Inspected/Not Defective Includes inspection of the driver and passenger seat	0.20 Hr.
6028-12	Inspected/Defective/Repaired, per seat	0.50 Hr.

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

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