



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 10-001  
**Date Opened:** 01/14/2010 **Date Closed:** 04/09/2010  
**Principal Investigator:** Sonny Murianka  
**Subject:** Wheel Chair Lift Separates From Bus

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC  
**Products:** 1995-2010 Mixed Models of the D Series MCI Motorcoaches  
**Population:** 4,457  
**Problem Description:** The wheel chair lift may slide out of the "stowed" position while the bus is in motion.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	2	2	2**
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	0	0
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	0	0	0
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	0	0

\*\* Count indicates duplicate reports received by ODI and manufacturer.

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** This investigation has been closed. MCI has filed a safety recall (10V-087).

**Summary:**

ODI opened this investigation upon learning of two incidents where the wheel chair assembly broke through the side door while the motor coach was being operated. Both incidents resulted in property damage to parked vehicles.

After further review, MCI decided to conduct a safety recall to resolve this issue. MCI will provide parts and labor to install a Ricon-designed retrofit kit that includes a spring-loaded lock mechanism. The additional lock mechanism will prevent unintended wheel chair lift deployment regardless of the cause.

The population includes 1995 through 2009 D4000's, 1997 through 2010 D4500's, and 2005 through 2010 D4505 models.

This resolves all issues concerning this investigation. This investigation is closed.