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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*April 28, 2006*

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NVS-215kjs  
06V-138

Subject: WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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:**

IC/CECB/2006  
IC/CESB/2006-2007  
IC/FESB/2006  
IC/ICSB/2007  
IC/RESB/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-138

**Mfg's Report Date:** April 24, 2006

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 357

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MY 2006 AND 2007 IC CORPORATION FE, RE, AND IC SCHOOL BUSES AND CE SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JUNE 12, 2005, AND MARCH 29, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH RICON 1200, 2000, AND 5500 SERIES WHEELCHAIR LIFTS. THE PLATFORM LIFTS MAY HAVE A DEFECT IN THE WELD WHICH WILL ALLOW A JOINT ON THE VERTICAL LIFT TO CRACK.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT THIS CONDITION OCCURS DURING PASSENGER OPERATIONS IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CLOSE THE LIFT DOOR CAUSING THE VEHICLE INTERLOCKS TO REMAIN ENGAGED PREVENTING MOVEMENT OF THE VEHICLE OR THE ABILITY TO LOAD OR UNLOAD PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES FROM THE VEHICLE. THIS MAY RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

INTERNATIONAL IS WORKING WITH RICON TO REMEDY THESE BUSES. THE TWO VERTICAL ARMS WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE EVEN IF ONLY ONE ARM IS CRACKED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 19, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT RICON CUSTOMER SUPPORT DEPT. AT 800-322-2884 OR OWNERS MAY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

**Notes:**

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 06503. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

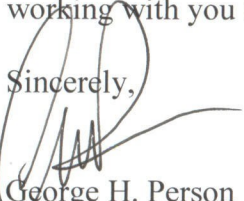
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received International's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. Also, International is required to notify purchasers, dealers, and distributors in accordance with 49 CFR Part 577 and must submit a representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications 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).

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. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on May 19, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office 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 [KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV](mailto:KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement