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Mid Bus Inc. Recall #06V-194

Dear Mid Bus Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Based on information submitted by Ricon Corp. Mid Bus Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 Model Year Guide XL dual wheel school buses manufactured between June 15, 2005 and January 31, 2006 equipped with Ricon wheel chair lifts manufactured by Ricon Corp. of Panorama City, California. The defect involves the weld joint on the vertical control arms on the Ricon wheelchair platform lift. The welding process used by Ricon may not have achieved full penetration along the seam of the weld which may result in the weld cracking along the exterior portion of the vertical arm. 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. According to our records you own buses covered by this recall.

What will be done:

Ricon Corp. has determined Model #'s 1200, 2000, and 5500 series platform lifts contain the defect that this recall intends to remedy. The wheel chair lift will have both vertical arms replaced. Ricon will provide (free of charge) a service kit which includes instructions, a service completion card and repair parts. Reimbursement for reasonable installation charges will take place after the postage paid service card has been filled out and returned to Ricon Corp. Parts that are removed will be discarded.

What you should do:

You should contact Ricon Corp. to receive service parts and instructions. Reimbursement for reasonable installation charges will take place after the self addressed stamp paid service registration has been filled out and returned to Ricon Corp. Parts that are removed should be discarded. Please contact Ricon Corp. after you've completed the

service work outlined by Ricon Corp, mark the enclosed post card with VIN's and mark recall complete. In all cases the card is self addressed to Mid Bus, Inc., 505 East Jefferson Street, Bluffton, Ohio 45817 and should be sent back to Mid Bus, Inc.

If you need to contact Ricon Corp., their service number is (818) 267-3075.

If you have trouble completing this recall without charge, you may contact Mid Bus customer service at 877-358-6055 extension 135. By Federal law, we are required to let you know that you can contact the Administration, NHTSA at 400 7th St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov> . Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to lessee within 10 days.

Mid Bus is counting on its vendors to provide you service for installed components. Please cooperate with Ricon Corp in completing this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Paul Kessler
President Mid Bus, Inc.