



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. DANIEL DEL RIO
CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER
WHEELED COACH INDUSTRIES
2737 N. FORSYTH ROAD
WINTER PARK, FL 32792

NVS-215paw
07V-569

Subject: 400 AMP FUSE LOCATION

Dear MR. DEL RIO:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wheeled Coach Industries' notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

WHEELED COACH/FORD E-350 VAN/2004-2007

WHEELED COACH/FORD E-350 CUTAWAY/2004-2007

WHEELED COACH/FORD E-450 CUTAWAY/2004-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-569

Mfg's Report Date: November 30, 2007

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: FUSES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,006

Summary:

ON CERTAIN AMBULANCES ORIGINALLY SOLD IN OR CURRENTLY REGISTERED IN THE STATES OF CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, MAINE, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, RHODE ISLAND, VERMONT, WEST VIRGINIA, WISCONSIN, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. CORROSION MAY OCCUR ON THE ANL 400 AMP FUSE DUE TO EXPOSURE TO CALCIUM CHLORIDE ELEMENTS THAT ARE USED IN THE "SALT STATES" DURING THE WINTER SEASON.

Consequence:

THE DETERIORATION OF THE FUSE CAN CAUSE A DISRUPTION OF POWER RESULTING IN LOSS OF SERVICE IN THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT.

Remedy:

RETROFIT KITS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE MAILED TO CUSTOMERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 21, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WHEELED COACH AT 800-932-7077.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-043, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a stylized flourish at the end.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement