

IMPORTANT

VEHICLE SAFETY NON-COMPLIANCE SERVICE BULLETIN

Date: February 22, 2007

To: **All Corbeil Dealer**

Subject: Corbeil Safety Recall **W0077**, NHTSA Recall **07V-054**, Wheelchair lift model 2000 and 5500, labeled for "DOT Public Use", manufactured between January 6, 2006 and September 6, 2006 by Ricon and installed on Corbeil buses manufactured between May 1, 2006 and September 26, 2006 with the body number shown on the attachment.

Models: All type of Corbeil buses (School, mfsab and commercial) manufactured between May 1, 2006 and September 26, 2006 with the body number shown on the attachment and equipped with a Ricon's wheelchair lift model 2000 and 5500, labeled for "DOT Public Use", having a serial number between 197586 and 204848 and manufactured by Ricon between January 6, 2006 and September 6, 2006 inclusive.

Reason for this Recall:

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

Les Entreprises Michel Corbeil Inc. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in Corbeil buses (School, mfsab and commercial) manufactured between May 1, 2006 and September 26, 2006 and equipped with a Ricon wheelchair lift model 2000 and 5500, labeled for "DOT Public Use", having a serial number between 197586 and 204848 and manufactured by Ricon between January 6, 2006 and September 6, 2006 inclusive. Those buses fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No 403, section 6.10.2.7.

The potential non-compliance with S6.10.2.7 of the FMVSS 403 is the result of the inner barrier interlock switch system in the lift baseplate not detecting the presence of a passenger (either wheelchair or standee) on the inner barrier and allowing the platform to move down more than one inch below floor level while occupied. This condition can result at installation if the installer runs wires through the baseplate assembly and the wires lodge under the trigger block for the interlock switch interfering with the switch

movement. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations it may be possible for the wheelchair to tip backwards onto the platform if the user is backing onto the lift from inside the vehicle and has the small front wheels fully or partially on the inner barrier when the platform was lowered. A standee could lose his or her balance if they were positioned fully or partly on the inner barrier when the platform was lowered. Either condition could cause personal injury.

Parts Replacement:

The client will have to contact Ricon Corporation directly at 818-267-3000 or 1-800-322-2884 and they will performed a test on the inner barrier. If indeed there is a defect on the inner barrier, Ricon Corporation will provide all the necessary replacement parts at no charge.

If you had this change performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information, please contact Ricon Corporation.

Labor:

In the case the inner barrier interlock on the lift present a defect after the test was performed, Ricon Corporation will reimburse for reasonable repair costs. If the repairs are done by Ricon Corporation personnel or by the nearest Ricon authorized service center/dealer, it will be free of charge.

If you encounter any problem with this recall:

After contacting Ricon corporation at 818-267-3000 or 1-800-322-2884 and/or Corbeil customer service at 1-888-439-3577 Ext. 260, if you are still not able to have the non-compliance remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write to :

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400, Seventh street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten (10) days.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may caused and appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Encl. : List of your buses that may be affected by this recall.
Copy of an owner letter.