



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
08V-103

Subject: FMVSS 404/BRAUN WHEELCHAIR LIFTS

Dear MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National - Kansas' notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles" 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:

ELDORADO/AERO ELITE/2006-2007
ELDORADO/AEROLITE/2006-2007
ELDORADO/AEROTECH/2006-2007
ELDORADO/TRANSMARK RE/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-103

Mfg's Report Date: March 3, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 210

Summary:

ELDORADO IS RECALLING 210 MY 2006-2007 AERO ELITE, AEROTECH, AEROLITE AND TRANSTECH BUSES EQUIPPED WITH BRAUN PLATFORM LIFTS FOR FAILING TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 404, 'PLATFORM LIFT INSTALLATIONS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.' THE THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEMS OF THE WHEELCHAIR LIFTS DO NOT CONFORM TO THE THRESHOLD WARNING SIGNAL.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEM FAIL TO OPERATE, THE LIFT USER CAN FALL FROM THE VEHICLE AND BE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Remedy:

BRAUN WILL CORRECT THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ELDORADO AT 1-937-596-6849 OR BRAUN CORPORATION AT 1-800-946-7513.

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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

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

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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).

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 cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

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