

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report<sup>3</sup>

On November 2, <sup>2007</sup> ~~2008~~, Canyon State Bus Sales [MUR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 408) exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: November 20, 2008

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Canyon State Bus Sales, 3113 W. Weldon Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85017


Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Phil Polizzatto - President

Telephone Number: 602-230-1515 Fax No.: 602-230-1519

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Deona Smith  
Warranty Administrator

Signed: 

11-20-08

<sup>3</sup>Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Blue Bird Model Years Involved: 2007 Model(s): A3FE

Production Dates: Beginning: 8/06 Ending: 8/07

VIN Range: Beginning: BA66CF83FA408 Ending: BA66CF83FA408

Vehicle Type: School Bus Bodystyle: Special needs bus

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): Blue Bird Model Years Involved: 2005 Model(s): A3FE

Production Dates: Beginning: 9/05 Ending: 9/05

VIN Range: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Type: School Bus Bodystyle: Special needs bus

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Model Years Involved: \_\_\_\_\_ Model(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Production Dates: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

VIN Range: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Bodystyle: \_\_\_\_\_

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
S2010 - F1020100 A	2007	1
S5510 - F1020000A	2005	1

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 2

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

Lifts manufactured between April 1, 2005  
and October 9, 2007 inclusive

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The Threshold Warning System may not detect the presence of a "wheelchair test device" when tested in accordance with 57.4 of the FMVSS 403.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Results from misinterpretation of the testing parameters.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The threshold warning signal may not activate when a certain point on the threshold area is encroached.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

With the lift platform one inch or more below vehicle

floor level, the Threshold Warning System will activate when a wheelchair individual using a mobility aid enters the designated Threshold area but may deactivate if the wheelchair or mobility aid user continues to move toward a certain point on the threshold area.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Bicon Corporation

A Division of Vapor Bus International

7900 Nelson Rd.

Panorama City, CA 91002

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Stanton Saucier - General Manager

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

*If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.*

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims. N/A
7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

NHTSA Compliance Test Report # 6886578 and NHTSA-2007-  
39140 Notice 1 formed the basis for Ricco Corporation's  
determination of noncompliance. there have been no claims, accidents,  
injuries or fatalities associated with this noncompliance.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

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9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Replacement of the Threshold Warning System metal covers and optical sensor mounting retainers will correct the noncompliance.  
Bicon will provide a kit for field replacement at no charge.

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Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

The replacement parts can be distinguished from the recall components by the location of the openings in the cover where the optical sensors are located. The components will have openings spaced 7 inches apart.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

The recall condition was corrected in production on all lifts manufactured after October 9, 2007

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#### VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Bicon corporation anticipates the recall campaign will begin in December 31, 2007. At that time, manufacturers and dealers will be notified of their responsibilities in coordinating the campaign and making remedies to the recall population.

## VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.