

RE: Equipment Safety Standard Non-Compliance Notification #07E-095, Threshold Warning System

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

Dear Greg Warmouth,

Ricon Corp. needs your assistance in notifying your customers about a recall of certain wheelchair lift products built between April 1, 2005 and October 9, 2007 inclusive. Ricon Corporation has determined that a safety related noncompliance with S6.1 of the FMVSS 403 exists in public and private use wheelchair lifts manufactured by Ricon on the above dates.

WHAT IS BEING RECALLED:

This recall process applies to the "Threshold Warning System" only on Ricon's "1200, 2000 and 5500" series platform lifts labeled for "DOT Public Use" and "DOT Private Use". It does not apply to other Ricon products.

WHY IS IT BEING RECALLED:

The non-compliance with S6.1 of the FMVSS 403 is the result of the Threshold Warning System not detecting the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations the wheelchair or mobility aid user may move toward the vehicle lift door when the lift platform is below floor level. This situation could cause personal injury.

WHAT YOU AS THE OEM/INSTALLER NEED TO DO:

Ricon has enclosed a complete list of the lifts you purchased that were manufactured during the specified time period. This information will help you identify your end-user customers and provide the following instructions to them:

You will need Ricon Kit # 39979, provided at no charge.

- 1. Park the vehicle in a safe location.**
- 2. Locate and remove 2 bolts at the bottom of the Threshold Warning System (TWS) covers on the inboard surfaces of the right and left side baseplate towers.**
- 3. Slide the covers up to remove top cover clips from towers.**
- 4. Remove optical sensors and retainer clips from inside the two cover assemblies.**
- 5. Reinstall sensors into new TWS covers with new retainer clips provided.**
- 6. Slide new covers over towers and reinstall the 2 bolts at the bottom of the towers.**
- 7. Discard original parts.**

WHAT RICON CORPORATION WILL DO:

Upon notification from your end-user customer, Ricon will work with them to obtain the necessary parts and make the retrofit. If the end-user is already factory trained to perform this service, the retrofit can be done at the end-user's location. If the end-user is not factory trained to perform this service, we will arrange for the retrofit to be done at the nearest Ricon authorized service center/dealer. The lift retrofit will include removal and replacement of the TWS covers using TWS retrofit kit # 39979. We will provide all the necessary replacement parts at No Charge and will pay labor of \$37.50 for each retrofit.

If the lift is retrofitted by an authorized Ricon dealer and it is not completed within 3 business days, please notify Ricon Customer Support at the toll free number listed above.

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If, after contacting the authorized dealer and Ricon Customer Support, your inspection and/or repair is not completed in a reasonable time and without charge you may notify:

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D. C. 20590
Phone (888) 327-4236

Ricon Corp. will take responsibility for compiling and submitting required "Quarterly Reports" to NHTSA covering end-user retrofits upon receipt of the customer (end-user) contact information from each OEM/Dealer.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning these procedures please contact the undersigned at (818) 267-3085 or by email at OPardinas@Wabtec.com.

Sincerely,

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