

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On **NOVEMBER 11, 2008**, Ricon Corporation decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. **403** 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 Responsibility and Reports**.

Date this report was prepared: January 5, 2009

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 07E-095

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.

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Sellersburg, IN 47172

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

James L Ritchie
Plant Manager
Telephone Number: 812 246 3371 ext 26 **Fax No.:** 812 246 7338

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

James L Ritchie
Plant Manager

Signed:

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): Century **Model Years Involved:** 2005 **Model(s):** MSM2800

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** June 2005

VIN Range: Beginning: 1XCS2828X53002204 **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Stage **Bodystyle:** Mobile

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

Make(s): Century **Model Years Involved:** 2006 **Model(s):** MSM3200

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** March 2006

VIN Range: Beginning: 1XCS3238263002255 **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Stage **Bodystyle:** : Mobile

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

Make(s): Century **Model Years Involved:** 2006 **Model(s):** MSM3600

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** June 2005

VIN Range: Beginning: SR07455 **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Stage **Bodystyle:** Mobile

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.

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Make(s): Century **Model Years Involved:** 2005 **Model(s):** MSM2800

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** June 2005

VIN Range: Beginning: **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:**

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

Make(s): Century **Model Years Involved:** 2006 **Model(s):** MSM3200

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** March 2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** :

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

Make(s): Ford **Model Years Involved:** 2006 **Model(s):** Van

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** June 2005

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:**

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

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II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
MSM3200	2005/2006	2
MSM2800	2005	2
MSM3600	2005	1
Ford Van		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 6

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

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:

See Ricon recall 07E-095" _____

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.

Threshold Warning System

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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

Ricon Corporation

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Panorama City, CA 91402

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

Stanton Saucier General Manger 818 267 3016

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.

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.

"See Ricon recall 07E-097". _____

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.

"See Ricon recall 07E-097". _____

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.

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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.

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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.

"See Ricon recall 07E-097".

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.



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09V-028

SUBJECT: FMVSS 403/ANTI-STOW INTERLOCK/RICON

DEAR MR.

This letter serves to acknowledge Century Industries, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift System Accessible for 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:

CENTURY/MSM2800/2005
CENTURY/MSM3200/2005-2006
CENTURY/MSM3600/2006
FORD/VAN/2006

Mfg's Report Date: January 5, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-028

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6

Summary:

CENTURY IS RECALLING 6 MY 2005-2006 MSM3200, MY 2005 MSM2800, MSM3600 AND MY 2006 FORD VANS EQUIPPED WITH RICON PLATFORM STYLE WHEELCHAIR LIFTS. THESE LIFTS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 403, "PLATFORM LIFT SYSTEM ACCESSIBLE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES." THE ANTI-STOW INTERLOCK MAY NOT DETECT THE PRESENCE OF A WHEELCHAIR OR MOBILITY AID USER. THE PRESSURE SENSING SWITCH THAT DETECTS THE PRESENCE OF WEIGHT ON THE PLATFORM WAS NOT ADJUSTED TO THE NECESSARY SENSITIVITY LEVEL. THE LIFT COULD STOW EVEN THOUGH SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS STILL ON THE LIFT.

Consequence:

A LIFT OCCUPANT CAN BE INJURED SHOULD THE LIFT BEGIN TO STOW UNINTENTIONALLY.

Remedy:

CENTURY IS WORKING WITH RICON TO CORRECT THE WHEELCHAIR LIFTS FREE OF CHARGE (PLEASE SEE 07E097). OWNERS MAY CONTACT RICON AT 1-818-267-3000 OR CENTURY AT 812-246-3371.

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 an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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 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).

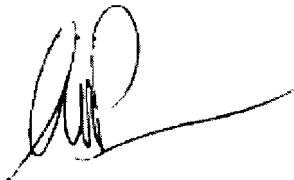
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall.

As stated in your report, Ricon will be handling the remedy and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Ricon's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Delia Lopez or Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or 202-366-5227, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or Kelly.Schuler@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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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