

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

On November 2nd, 2007, Ricon Corporation [MFR] 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: March 12, 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.

Atlantic Bus Sales
552 South Dixie Hwy East Pompano Beach, FL. 33060

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

Tanya McCrater (Administrator) - Contact Person
Richard Yusem (President)

Telephone Number: (954) 941-7722 Fax No.: (954) 941-7466

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Atlantic Bus Sales – Dealer
Tanya McCrater - Administration

Signed:

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¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

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): Ricon S-Series Lifts **Model Years Involved:** 2005 - 2007 **Model(s):** S1200, S2003, S2005, S2010, S5503, S5505, S5510

Production Dates: Beginning: April 1st, 2005 **Ending:** October 9th, 2007

VIN Range: Beginning: 1FDWE35L26HA80522 **Ending:** 1GDE5V1927F418712

Vehicle Type: Bus **Bodystyle:** Bus Body

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

This recall applies to the Threshold Warning System that is used on Ricon's platform style wheelchair lifts. Public & Private use applications..

Make(s): Ricon K-Series Lifts **Model Years Involved:** 2005 - 2007 **Model(s):** K1200, K2003, K2005, K2010, K5503, K5505, K5510

Production Dates: Beginning: April 1st, 2005 **Ending:** October 9th, 2007

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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:

The above noted VIN #'s were installed with one of the non-compliant lifts.

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
<u>See Attached List "EIDorado & Glaval VIN's - Recall #07E-095 & 07E-097"</u>		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 110

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:

According to Ricon 100% of the lifts manufactured during the stated timeframe are affected.

Ricon notified us of the specific lift serial numbers involved in the recall. We then referenced this information in our system to obtain the corresponding VIN #'s and customer information.

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 S7.4 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 of 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 or 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.

Ricon Corporation (A Division of Vapor Bus International)

7900 Nelson Road Panorama City, CA. 91402

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

Stanton Saucier (General Manager) Phone: (818) 267-3016 Fax: (818) 267-3187

William Hinze (Director – Marketing) Phone: (818) 267-3012 Fax: (818) 267-3139

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.

Must be requested from Ricon Corporation

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.

Atlantic Bus Sales is a bus dealer not the manufacturer of the item under recall...

Ricon Corporation should be contacted for this information.

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. Ricon will provide a kit for field replacement at no
charge.

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 remedy components will have
openings spaced 5.25 inches apart while recall 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 9th, 2007.

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.

Atlantic Bus Sales was made aware of the recall on February 29th, 2008. During the month of
July 2008 all of the customers who have these lifts installed were notified either by Certified letter
or Direct mail.

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.

Atlantic Bus Sales / ElDorado Models and Vin Numbers - Recall #'s 07E-095 & 07E-097

Make / Model	VIN #	Make / Model	VIN #	Make / Model	VIN #
ElDorado	1FDXE45P86HB07249	ElDorado	1FDXE45P27DA39040	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P06HA58936
ElDorado	1FDXE45P15HB50118	ElDorado	1FDXE45PX7DA39044	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P96HA58935
ElDorado	1FDXE45P06HA51078	ElDorado	1FDXE45P17DA39045	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45PX6HA58930
ElDorado	1FDXE45P96HA51077	ElDorado	1GBJG312171161886	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45PX7DA36032
ElDorado	1FDXE45P26HA51079	ElDorado	1GBJG312571160837	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P67DA36030
ElDorado	1FDKE30F3SHC02511	ElDorado	1GBJG312171160009	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45PX7DA36029
ElDorado	1FDXE45P35HB50119	ElDorado	1FDXE45P57DA54261	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P87DA36028
ElDorado	1FDXE45PX5HB50120	ElDorado	1GBJG312871159570	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P87DA36031
ElDorado	1FDXE45P46HB07247	ElDorado	1FDXE45P37DA54260	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P77DA36036
ElDorado	1FDXE45P66HB07248	ElDorado	1GBJG312671160992	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P57DA36035
ElDorado	1FDXE45P56HA58933	ElDorado	1GBJG312271161623	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P17DA36033
ElDorado	1FDXE45P86HB23936	ElDorado	1FDXE45P97DA54263	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P37DA36034
ElDorado	1FDXE45P36HB23973	ElDorado	1FDXE45P77DA54262	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P57DA62845
ElDorado	1FDXE45P56HB23974	ElDorado	1GBE4V1917F423668	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P07DA54264
ElDorado	1FDXE45P76HB23975	ElDorado	1GBE4V1937F423543	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P67DA54267
ElDorado	1FDXE45P06HA78507	ElDorado	1GBE4V1937F423249	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P97DA36037
ElDorado	1FDXE45PX6HB23937	ElDorado	1FDXE45P96DB37142	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P47DA54266
ElDorado	1FDXE45P86HA78304	ElDorado	1FDXE45P67DA62840	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P37DA62844
ElDorado	1FDXE45P06HB23977	ElDorado	1FDXE45PX7DB05737	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P27DA54265
ElDorado	1FDXE45P26HA78508	ElDorado	1GBE4V19X7F423569	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P37DB05739
ElDorado	1FDXE45P26HB23978	ElDorado	1GBE4V1997F423708	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P17DB05738
ElDorado	1FDXE45PX6HA78305	ElDorado	1FDXE45P77DB05744	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45PX7DA62842
ElDorado	1GBE4V1207F402474	ElDorado	1FDXE45P97DB05745	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P87DA62841
ElDorado	1GBE4V12X7F402191	ElDorado	1FDXE45P37DA91776	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P27DA62849
ElDorado	1GBE4V1277F402892	ElDorado	1FDXE45P57DB05743	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P07DA62848
ElDorado	1FDXE45P16HA78306	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P06HB23980	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P77DA62846
ElDorado	1GBE4V1237F402677	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P36HA58932	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P17DA62843
ElDorado	1FDXE45P67DA39042	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P16HA58931	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P97DA62847
ElDorado	1FDXE45P47DA39041	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P06HA51081	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P27DB05747
ElDorado	1FDXE45P87DA39043	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P76HA58934	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P07DB05746
ElDorado	1GBJG312771159544	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P36HA58929	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P07DB05729
ElDorado	1GBJG312271160584	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P26HA58937	ENC / Aerotech	1FDXE45P67DB05749

Atlantic Bus Sales / Glaval Models and Vin Numbers - Recall #'s 07E-095 & 07E-097

Make / Model	VIN #
Glaval / Primetime	1FDWE35L37DA12982
Glaval / Titan	1GDE5V1206F413218
Glaval / Titan	1GDE5V1927F418712
Glaval / Universal	1FDXE45F03HA45848
Glaval / Universal	1FDXE45P56DB26056
Glaval / Universal	1FDXE45P06DA99977
Glaval	1FDXE45P15HB44173
Glaval / Primetime	1FDWE35L37DA12979
Glaval / Primetime	1FDWE35L26HA80522

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