

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

On March 24, 2009, 2007, Van Conversions [MFR] decided that (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 25, 2009

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A

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

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

George Shade
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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): Ford **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2007 **Model(s):** E-150 / E-250 / E-350
Econoline Van Standard Length

Production Dates: Beginning: 04/01/2005 **Ending:** 09/06/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: See Attached Excel spreadsheet **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Van **Bodystyle:** Window cargo conversion

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

These vehicles have Ricon lifts installed that were supplied by our customer. Transit Plus

No other vehicles produced have Ricon Lifts

Make(s): Ford **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2007 **Model(s):** E-150 / E-250 / E-350
Econoline Van Extended Length

Production Dates: Beginning: 04/01/2005 **Ending:** 09/06/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: See Attached Excel spreadsheet **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Van **Bodystyle:** Window cargo conversion

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

These vehicles have Ricon lifts installed that were supplied by our customer. Transit Plus

No other vehicles produced have Ricon Lifts

Make(s): General Motors **Model Years Involved:** 2006 **Model(s):** Savanna 3500

Production Dates: Beginning: 04/01/2005 **Ending:** 09/06/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: 1GBFH15T361 **Ending:** 1GBFH15T361

Vehicle Type: Van **Bodystyle:** 3500 Window Cargo Van

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

This vehicle has a Ricon lifts installed.

No other vehicles of this model produced have Ricon 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
Ford Econoline Van	2004	4
Ford Econoline Van	2005	2
Ford Econoline Van	2006	42
Ford Econoline Van	2007	3
GM Savanna	2006	1

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 52

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: $52/391 = 13.3\%$

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:

The recall models were selected based on the criteria of Ricon lifts installed that were manufactured during the recall period 04/01/2005 – 09/06/2006. We used our Ricon warranty card records in conjunction with the date of vehicle shipment to determine those vehicles with Ricon lifts that are effected. We also confirmed from receiving records that all lifts received after the manufacturing end date were eliminated from the listing developed for 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.

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.

See Ricon Recall 07E-097

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

See Ricon Recall 07E-097

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.

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

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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.

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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.

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.

Ricon Recall 07E-097
Lifts Installed by Van Conversions

VIN	Body Style	Model	Year	Lift S/N	Model
1FTNS24W66F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00207183	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W25F	Econoline Van	S-250	2005	00176216	S2005-S100000000
1FTNS24WX6F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00192127	S2005-F1020100A
1FTSS34P76H	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190793	S2005-F1020100A
1FTSS34P06H	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190705	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNE24W86C	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00207244	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNE24W36C	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00208488	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W06F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190797	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W56F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190915	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W56C	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00207247	S2010-F1020000A
1FDWE35S76C	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00196932	S5505-F1020100A
1FTNE24W06C	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00201745	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W46F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00191698	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNE24W26F	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00191697	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W26F	Econoline Van	S-250	2008	00190917	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W46F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190798	S2005-F1020100A
1FTSS34P25H	Econoline Van	S-250	2005	00189305	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W36F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00199005	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W16C	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00207245	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24L04H	Econoline Van	S-250	2004	00176215	S2005-S100000000
1FTNS24WX6F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190913	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNE24W96F	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00192017	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W64F	Econoline Van	S-250	2004	00172851	S2005T10000000
1FTNS24W06C	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00201505	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W46F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190918	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNE24W36F	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00192126	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W76F	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190796	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W66C	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00201746	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W26C	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00201506	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W67C	Econoline Van	S-250	2007	00213139	S2005-F1020000A
1FTNE24W26C	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00191700	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNS24W46H	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00190914	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNE24W66C	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00197914	S5505-F1020100A
1FTNS24W36D	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00207182	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNE24W26H	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00192247	S5505-F1020100A
1FTNE24W26H	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00192018	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNE24W7X6	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00190916	S2010-F1020000A
1FDWE35L57D	Econoline Van	E-350	2007	00213741	S5505-F1020100A
1FTNE24W56D	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00199004	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W86H	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00192237	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNE24W76D	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00192128	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W06D	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00201744	S2010-F1020000A
1FTNE24W16D	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00192196	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W36D	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00207242	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24W46D	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00207385	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNE24W86D	Econoline Van	E-250	2006	00207243	S2005-F1020100A
1FTNS24WX6D	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00207178	S2010-F1020000A

1FBNE31L94H	Econoline Van	E-350	2004	00175605	S2005-S100000000
1FBSS31L74I	Econoline Van	S-350	2004	00175609	S2005-S100000000
1FTNS24W76H	Econoline Van	S-250	2006	00192211	S2005-F1020100A
1FDWE35LX7I	Econoline Van	E-350	2007	00212094	S5505-F1020100A
1GBFH15T361	Savanna Van	3500	2006	00192094	S1231VG00100100