



# Handicapped Driver Services

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### **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

July 14, 2009

Joseph Knowles

2977 Albany Avenue

Waycross, GA 31503

RE: Safety Standard Non-Compliance Recall Notification (Ricon # 07E-095)

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

Ricon Wheelchair Lift Serial 187518 / Model # - **S1205**

Dear Mr. Knowles

**Handicapped Driver Services, Inc.** has decided that certain **2004/5 Ford E250 vans with Ricon S1204/5 Wheelchair Lifts** fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110, "Platform lift systems for motor vehicles". Our records show that you may have a vehicles built or altered by **Handicapped Driver Services, Inc.** that has a wheelchair lift built by Ricon Corporation between April 1, 2005 and September 6, 2006, inclusive. Ricon Corporation has determined that a safety related non-compliance with Section 6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 exists in these wheelchair lifts.

### **! I M P O R T A N T !**

- Your Ricon Wheelchair Lift is being recalled
- Contact **Handicapped Driver Services, Inc.** or The Ricon Corporation immediately

**GEORGIA**  
1310 Kennestone Circle  
Marietta, GA 30066  
(770) 422-9674 ~ Phone  
(770) 425-9535 ~ Fax

**ALABAMA**  
3747 Pine Lane  
Bessemer, AL 35022  
(205) 426-8261 ~ Phone  
(205) 424-8267 ~ Fax

**FLORIDA**  
5675 University Blvd, W.  
Jacksonville, FL 32216  
(904) 281-0111 ~ Phone  
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**TENNESSEE**  
173 Industrial Drive  
La Vergne, TN 37086  
(615) 280-5058 ~ Phone  
(615) 280-5066 ~ Fax

**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 OWNER SHOULD DO:**

Immediately contact the Ricon Corporation to be directed to the nearest Ricon dealer or repair agent. You can do so by calling Ricon Customer Service at (800)322-2884, emailing at [www.Marketing@riconcorp.com](mailto:www.Marketing@riconcorp.com) or you can locate the nearest servicing dealer using the Ricon Dealer Locator on the Ricon website – [www.riconcorp.com](http://www.riconcorp.com)

**WHAT WE WILL DO:**

**Handicapped Driver Services, Inc.**, in cooperation with Ricon, will direct you the nearest servicing Ricon dealer that will repair the non-compliance at no cost to you. If the lift is repaired or 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.

If after attempting to have your vehicle repaired you believe you have not been able to have your vehicle remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C., 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning these procedures please contact Ricon Customer Service at (800)322-2884 or by email at [Marketing@riconcorp.com](mailto:Marketing@riconcorp.com). You may also contact **Handicapped Driver Services, Inc.** at 770-422-9674 or [ssorenson@hdsfans.com](mailto:ssorenson@hdsfans.com) with any questions or concerns.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

Sincerely,

Handicapped Driver Services, Inc.



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