



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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July 30, 2010

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NVS-215dgl  
10V-351

**SUBJECT: WHEELCHAIR LIFTS/INTERLOCK BELT**

**DEAR MR. MIHALICK:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:**

ELDORADO/AERO ELITE/2008-2009  
ELDORADO/AEROELITE/2010  
ELDORADO/AEROLITE/2008-2010  
ELDORADO/AEROTECH/2008-2010  
ELDORADO/TRANSTECH/2008-2010  
ELDORADO/VERSA SHUTTLE/2008-2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-351

**Mfg's Report Date:** July 27, 2010

**Components:** EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1167

**Summary:**

ELDORADO NATIONAL IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2010 AERO ELITE, AEROLITE, AEROTECH, TRANSTECH, AND VERSA SHUTTLE MOTORHOMES FITTED WITH RICON PUBLIC USE LIFTS. THE WHEELCHAIR LIFTS WERE TO BE EQUIPPED WITH A RESTRAINT BUCKLE THAT HAS AN INTERLOCK FEATURE DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE LIFT FROM OPERATING IF THE BUCKLE IS NOT LATCHED. IN THE RECALLED MOTORHOMES, HOWEVER, THE INTERLOCK FEATURE MAY NOT OPERATE PROPERLY AND THE LIFT MAY OPERATE EVEN WHEN THE BUCKLE IS NOT LATCHED.

**Consequence:**

THE WHEELCHAIR MAY MOVE DURING LIFT OPERATION AND THE UNSECURED OCCUPANT, COULD BE INJURED.

**Remedy:**

ELDORADO NATIONAL IS WORKING WITH RICON AND RICON WILL BE HANDLING THE REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. PLEASE SEE RICON'S DEFECT REPORT 09E-060. RICON WILL PROVIDE CUSTOMERS WITH A WARNING DECAL AND A DVD-BASED TRAINING AID. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT RICON CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 800-322-2884, OR EMAIL AT [WWW.DMATA@WABTEC.COM](mailto:WWW.DMATA@WABTEC.COM).

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

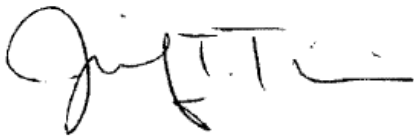
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

Jennifer Timian  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement