



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

March 8, 2013

Mr. Kevin Walker  
Engineering Manager  
Supreme Corporation  
2581 E. Kercher Road  
Goshen, IN 46528

NVS-215KS  
13V-067

**Subject:** Wheelchair Lift Armored Cable Short Circuit

Dear Mr. Walker:

This letter serves to acknowledge Supreme Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:**

STARTRANS/C2/2006-2012  
STARTRANS/CANDIDATE/2006-2012  
STARTRANS/PRESIDENT/2006-2012  
STARTRANS/S2/2006-2012  
STARTRANS/SENATOR/2006-2012  
STARTRANS/SENATOR HD/2006-2012  
STARTRANS/SENTINEL BUS/2006-2012  
STARTRANS/TROLLEY/2006-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 18, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-067

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,858

**Problem Description:**

Supreme Corporation (Supreme) is recalling certain model year 2006-2012 Startrans Trolley, Sentinel, Senator HD, Senator, Candidate, C2, S2, PS2, and President transit buses equipped with Ricon manufactured wheelchair lifts which have an optional armored pendant cable. The cable may have been installed such that it doesn't clear the wheelchair lift and without a protective cover, or a misinstalled protective cover.

**Consequence:**

The cable may contact the power lug at the base of the wheel chair lift causing a short circuit that could result in a fire.

**Remedy:**

Ricon will be conducting this recall on behalf of Supreme. Ricon will notify the affected owners and will provide a supplemental cover kit and instructions, free of charge. This recall campaign is expected to begin during March 2013. Owners may contact Supreme at 1-877-258-1391 or Ricon at 1-818-267-3000.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please 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).

We understand from Supreme's defect information report that Ricon will be filing the required six quarterly recall completion rates reports.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement