



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

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May 20, 2013

Mr. Larry Hall
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NVS-215KS
13V-199

Subject: Wheelchair Lift Armored Cable Short Circuit

Dear Mr. Hall:

This letter serves to acknowledge Starcraft Bus'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:
STARCRAFT/ALLSTAR/2006-2012

Mfr's Report Date: May 9, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-199

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 169

Problem Description:

Starcraft Bus is recalling certain model year 2006-2012 Allstar buses manufactured November 2006, through July 2012. The affected buses are equipped with a Ricon manufactured wheelchair lift which may 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:

If the cable does not clear the wheel chair lift it may contact the power lug and if it does not have a nonconductive cover, or it has an improperly installed non-conductive cover, then a short circuit may occur that could result in a fire.

Remedy:

Starcraft will notify owners and direct them to contact Ricon. Ricon will provide a supplemental cover kit with instructions, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Starcraft at 1-800-348-7440 or Ricon at 1-818-267-3000. Starcraft's recall campaign number is 12E-017.

Notes:

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

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

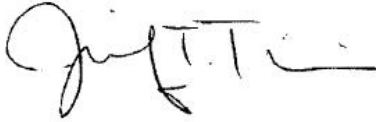
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. 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.

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 Starcraft Bus' defect information report that Ricon will be filing the required six quarterly recall completion rates reports. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Starcraft Bus is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if Ricon's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Starcraft Bus to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement