



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

August 22, 2013

Larry Brewer  
Pierce Manufacturing  
2600 American Drive  
Appleton, WI 54914

NVS-215KS  
13V-359

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

Dear Larry Brewer:

This letter serves to acknowledge Pierce Manufacturing'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:**  
OSHKOSH/AMAMTH-2/2008

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 12, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-359

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1

**Problem Description:**

Pierce Manufacturing is recalling one model year 2008 Oshkosh AMAMTH-2 trailer manufactured in February 2008. The trailer is equipped with a Ricon wheelchair lift with an optional armored pendant cable. The armored cable may be positioned such that it does not clear the wheelchair lift.

**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:**

Pierce has notified the owner. Ricon will send the owner a supplemental cover kit and instructions free of charge. Owners may contact Ricon Customer Service at 1-800-322-2884 or by e-mail at recall.admin@wabtec.com.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

It is our understanding that you notified the owner prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Pierce to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please 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).

We have been informed that Ricon will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer Pierce is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Pierce 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](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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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