



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Donald Russell  
DDT Mobility Inc.  
7445 East Eagle Crest Dr.  
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Mesa, AZ 85207

NVS-215KS  
13V-379

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

Dear Mr. Russell:

This letter serves to acknowledge DDT Mobility Inc.'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:**

DDT/PORTABLE CLASSROOM/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 17, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-379

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1

**Problem Description:**

DDT Mobility Inc. (DDT) is recalling one portable classroom trailer. 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:**

DDT has contacted the customer and is providing 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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

The defect information report states that the affected customer has been contacted. If the trailer is not remedied within 60 days from the day this report was received you must notify the owner of the safety defect in writing. Before you do so, a draft owner notification letter is required to be submitted to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customer.

We have been informed that Ricon will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer DDT 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 DDT 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 a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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