



**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**  
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**Washington DC 20590**

June 21, 2013

Attention: Cynthia Glass and/or Kelly Schuler

In accordance with CFR 49 Part 573, Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of the Ricon Corporation has decided that a defect exists which relates to motor vehicle safety and specifically, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 571.403 "Platform Lift Systems in Motor Vehicles".

This report was e-mailed to NHTSA on June 21, 2013 to [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov) , [Cynthia.Glass@dot.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Glass@dot.gov), and [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). In addition, a physical copy has been sent, via UPS. If there are any questions regarding the information I have submitted, please contact me at 845-988-2333.

Respectfully,

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Timothy Downey  
Standards & Compliance  
**TransTech Bus** a TCI Company





## PART 573 Defects and Noncompliance Report Revision: A

**Report Date: June 21, 2013**

### I.

Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided to conduct a recall on behalf of the Ricon Corporation (Equipment Manufacturer). The defect exists on certain Handicapped accessible School Buses, equipped with Ricon Lift systems and manufactured between 2006 until 2012.

The defect involves FMVSS No. 571.403 "*Platform Lift Systems in Motor Vehicles*". Specifically, the power lug of the remote may make contact with the lift and cause a short circuit that has the possibility of leading to a fire.

#### **Vehicles not involved in the recall:**

TransTech School Bus models, manufactured between 2006 until 2012 that are not confirmed to have affected serial numbers.

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TransTech School Bus models, manufactured between 2006 until 2012 that are confirmed to have affected serial numbers.

#### **Approximate percentage of the total of vehicles estimated to actually contain the Defect:**

100%

#### **Vehicle population as of June 21, 2013:**

YEAR	MODEL	QTY.
2010	DW6159RLSST	1
2012	SC159DSFP600	1
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>2</b>





**Identify and describe how the original recall population was determined:**

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TransTech Bus received notification from the Ricon Corporation about a defect that exists within certain Platform Lift Systems manufactured between 2006 until 2012.

**II.**

**Describe the Defect:**

The defect involves FMVSS No. 571.403 *“Platform Lift Systems in Motor Vehicles”*. The location of the defect is the outboard end of the wheelchair lift platform. Specifically, the power lug that is present on the remote control for the lift may be unprotected and during operation has the possibility of coming into contact with the metal cord on the remote and causing a short circuit that may lead to fire.

**Describe the consequence of the Defect:**

The consequence of the defect is a catastrophic fire.

**Identify any warning, which can (A) Precede or (B) Occur:**

There is no definitive warning that will precede failure of this component. Physical inspection of serial numbers is required for positive confirmation.

**III.**

**With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the defect was determined:**

***June 21, 2012*** – TransTech Bus, a TCI Company, received notification of this defect via UPS and subsequently issued a Notification to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration pursuant to CFR Part 573, and began to determine population metrics.

**Identify the remedy:**

Transportation Collaborative Inc will forward the information of the affected vehicles and dealers that sold the vehicles to the Ricon Corporation.

Any cost incurred to the owners, purchasers and dealers of Vehicles affected by this recall number will be reimbursed by Transportation Collaborative Inc. within a reasonable time of the





notifications. Transportation Collaborative Inc. reimburses customers and dealers within 30 days of the remedy.

**Recall Schedule:**

Upon approval of this report, Transportation Collaborative Inc. will notify the Ricon Corporation of the affected customers by issuing end-user information of the affected models. This scheduled mailing will occur no later than June 21, 2013.

**All questions regarding this recall should be addressed to:**

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**Signature:**

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**Date:** 04/21/13



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