



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 20, 2014

Mr. Robert Holman
Supreme Corporation
2581 E Kercher Road
Goshen, IN 56428

NVS-215KS
14V-244

Subject: Wheelchair Lift Armored Pendant Cable Shortcircuit

Dear Mr. Holman:

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/PRESIDENT/2013
STARTRANS/SENATOR/2013
STARTRANS/TROLLEY/2013
SUPREME/ACTIVITY/2013
SUPREME/HEAVY DUTY/2013
SUPREME/SENATOR II/2013

Mfr's Report Date: May 8, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-244

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 116

Problem Description:

Supreme Corporation (Supreme) is recalling certain model year 2013 Senator, Senator II, Trolley, President, Heavy Duty, and Activity transit buses and trolleys manufactured December 15, 2012, through December 31, 2013, and equipped with certain Ricon S series and K series wheelchair lifts, 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:

Supreme will notify owners, and Ricon will send the owners a supplemental cover kit and instructions, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Supreme customer service at 1-574-642-4888, or 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 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:

Affected vehicles owners are to be notified by Supreme Corporation, on Supreme's letterhead. 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).

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 required that owners 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.

We have been informed that Ricon will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Supreme 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 Supreme 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