



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Timothy Downey
Standards & Compliance
Trans Tech Bus
7 Lake Station Road
Warwick, NY 10990

NVS-215KS
14V-256

Subject: Wheelchair Lift Armored Pendant Cable Shortcircuit

Dear Mr. Downey:

This letter serves to acknowledge Trans Tech 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:

TRANS TECH/SC139DSFP500/2013

Mfr's Report Date: May 1, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-256

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6

Problem Description:

Trans Tech Bus is recalling certain model year 2013 SC139DSFP500 school buses 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:

Trans Tech Bus will notify owners and Ricon will send the owner a supplemental cover kit and instructions, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2014. Owners may contact Trans Tech Bus customer service at 1-845-988-2333, 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.

We have received Trans Tech Bus' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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,

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