



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jake Calvo
IT / ISO MGR / TREAD LIASON
Eldorado National- California, Inc.
9670 Galena Street
Riverside, CA 92509

NVS-215SM
14V-607

Subject: Wheelchair Lift - Platform Cracking

Dear Mr. Calvo:

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National- California, 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:

ELDORADO/MST/2006-2007
ELDORADO/TRANSMARK/2006-2007

Mfr's Report Date: September 25, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-607

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18

Problem Description:

Eldorado National-California, Inc. (Eldorado National) is recalling certain model year 2006-2007 MST, and Transmark transit buses manufactured January 1, 2006, to December 30, 2007, equipped with certain model S2005, S2010, S5005, S5010, S5505, and S5510 wheelchair lifts manufactured by Ricon Corporation. The platform side plate of the affected wheelchair lifts may crack.

Consequence:

If the platform side plates crack, the lift platform can separate from the lift and come to rest against the vehicle's lift door. When the doors are opened, the platform may fall out, increasing the risk of injury to the lift operator.

Remedy:

Eldorado National will notify owners to take buses to a Ricon dealer or service center who will install supplemental platform support bumpers. Any platform that has already started cracking will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2014. Owners may contact Eldorado National customer service at 1-909-591-9557 or Ricon customer service at 1-800-322-2884.

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 your draft owner letter for this recall and it is under review. We will notify Eldorado National of any necessary edits.

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 understand that Ricon will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Eldorado National 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 Eldorado National to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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