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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20590

In compliance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Champion Bus, Inc. is submitting information relating to a defect issue.

**1. 573.6(c)(1) Vehicles affected are manufactured by:**

Champion Bus Inc  
321 Graham Road  
Imlay City, MI 48444

**2. 573.6(c)(2) The following vehicles containing defective Ricon wheelchair lifts :**

3975489	S5510-F1020100B 509715	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/17/2013 P 172821 1	J B023218-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 509716	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/7/2013 P 172621 3	J B023367-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 509717	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/7/2013 P 172621 3	J B023284-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 509718	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/7/2013 P 172621 3	J B023330-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 509719	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/7/2013 P 172621 3	J B023414-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 509720	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/7/2013 P 172621 3	J B023331-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 510637	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/17/2013 P 172821 1	J B023222-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 510640	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/25/2013 P 173385 1	J B023329-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 510641	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/25/2013 P 173385 1	J B023223-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 510642	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/17/2013 P 172821 1	J B023220-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 510644	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/17/2013 P 172821 1	J B023221-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 510645	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/25/2013 P 173385 1	J B023360-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 510646	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/17/2013 P 172821 1	J B023219-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 511003	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/31/2013 P 173402 3	J B023327-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 511005	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	1/25/2013 P 173398 1	J B023328-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 512292	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	2/26/2013 P 173767 1	J B023508-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 512780	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	3/8/2013 P 174396 1	J B023560-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 512783	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	3/8/2013 P 174385 4	J B023627-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 512784	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	3/8/2013 P 174385 4	J B023572-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 513657	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	4/8/2013 P 175304 1	J B023626-000 140
3975489	S5510-F1020100B 513659	LIFT,RICON S 5510 403/4	4/8/2013 P 175304 1	J B023628-000 140
3975501	K5510-F1020100B 508036	LIFT,RICON K5510 403/4 COILED PEND	1/25/2013 P 173385 2	J B023277-000 10
3975501	K5510-F1020100B 509006	LIFT,RICON K5510 403/4 COILED PEND	1/7/2013 P 172621 4	J B023278-000 350
3975501	K5510-F1020100B 509009	LIFT,RICON K5510 403/4 COILED PEND	4/16/2013 P 175905 1	J B023841-000 140
3974333	RIS5510-f1020100B-519544	LIFT,RICON S5510FP(403/4) 919/1,001	9/4/2013 P 179961 1	J B024302-000 140
3974333	S5510-F1020100B 513658	LIFT,RICON S5510FP(403/4) 919/1,001	4/3/2013 P 175624 1	J B023526-000 140
3974333	S5510-F1020100B-516901	LIFT,RICON S5510FP(403/4) 919/1,001	6/17/2013 P 177280 1	J B023394-000 140
3974333	S5510-F1020100B-516902		6/17/2013 P 177319 2	J B023943-000 140
3974333	S5510-F1020100B-521171		10/25/2013 P 182237 4	J B024507-000 140



**3. 573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles involved in this recall:**

There are 29 of our buses that contain the affected wheelchair lift. There are two owners of the 29 buses.

**4. 573.6(c)(4) The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles to contain the defect:**  
100%

**5. 573.6(c)(5) Description of the defect:**

In the event the lift is installed such that the armored pendant cable is not managed to be kept clear of the wheelchair lift and the power lug protective, elastomeric cover is either omitted or improperly installed, the armored pendant cable may contact the power lug resulting in a high current short circuit and the possibility of fire.

**6. 573.6(c)(6) The following is a summary of the events that were the basis for determining the defect.**

On April 29, 2014 Champion bus received a letter dated April 24, 2014 from Ricon Corporation with a list of 29 serial numbers of affected units that have been installed in Champion buses.

**7. 573.6(c)(7) Test results or data:**

We have not conducted or received any test results or data.

**8. 573.6(c)(8)(i) Defect corrective action:**

Ricon will provide instructions for managing the pendant cord and will supply a supplemental power lug elastomeric cover kit at no charge. It will be the responsibility of the lift owners to install the cover kit.

**9. 573.6(c)(8)(ii) Correspondence to notify distributors and Customers of the safety recall:**

Champion Bus Inc. will notify dealers and owners of affected vehicles as soon as we ascertain which vehicles have the affected wheelchair lifts installed in them.

**10. 573.6(c)(11)**

Champion Bus would like to use the number assigned by NHTSA 14E-010 to this campaign and will refer the two affected owners to 14E-010.

Should you need further information, please contact:

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