



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

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Washington, DC 20590

February 24, 2015

Mr. Bob Ferne
President
OBS, Inc.
1324 Tuscarawas Street W
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NVS-215KS
15V-068

Subject: Wheelchair Lift - Platform Cracking

Dear Mr. Ferne:

This letter serves to acknowledge OBS, 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:

BLUE BIRD/A3FE2803A/2007
BLUE BIRD/BBCV3011S/2010
CHEVROLET/CG33803/2012
COLLINS/MIDSTAR 20IS/2007

Mfr's Report Date: February 5, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-068

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Problem Description:

OBS, Inc. (OBS) is recalling certain model year 2012 Chevrolet CG33803 vehicles manufactured January 6, 2012, to January 9, 2013, 2007 Collins Midstar 20IS vehicles manufactured March 10, 2007, to August 27, 2007, Blue Bird A3FE2803a vehicles manufactured September 25, 2006, to March 23, 2007, and 2010 Blue Bird BBCV3011s vehicles manufactured May 10, 2009, to November 4, 2009, 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:

OBS will notify owners to take buses to a Ricon dealer or service center who will inspect and install supplemental platform support bumpers. Any platform that has already started cracking will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during February 2015. Owners may contact OBS customer service at 1-330-453-3725. OBS' number for this recall is OBS # 01-15.

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:

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).

The information in your report suggests that OBS may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement