



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Duane England
Farber Specialty Vehicles
7052 Americana Parkway
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

NVS-215KS
15V-112

Subject: Wheelchair Lift Platform Cracking

Dear Mr. England:

This letter serves to acknowledge Farber Specialty Vehicles'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/BUS/1993
FARBER/CARGO MATE TRAILER/2009
FORD/E-450/2006-2013
FORD/F-550 SD/2011-2012
FREIGHTLINER/M2/2010-2014
FREIGHTLINER/MBC/2011
FREIGHTLINER/XCS/2010
GMC/6500/2007
STRICK/TRAILER/2006-2007
UTILIMASTER/CHEVROLET C5500/2008
UTILIMASTER/MT55/2005-2013
WINNEBAGO/WFE30W/2010
WINNEBAGO/WFF31S/2006
WINNEBAGO/WFF38S/2008
WINNEBAGO/WFG38S/2005
WINNEBAGO/WFJ33S/2012-2014
WINNEBAGO/WFJ35S/2009
WINNEBAGO/WFJ38S/2010-2014
WINNEBAGO/WPF33S/2007
WINNEBAGO/WPF38S/2006
WORKHORSE/38S/2010

Mfr's Report Date: February 23, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-112

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 117

Problem Description:

Farber Specialty Vehicles (Farber) is recalling various specialty vehicles modified by Farber and equipped with 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:

Farber will notify owners to take their vehicles 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 during March 2015. Owners may contact Farber customer service at 1-800-331-3188, or Ricon customer service at 1-800-322-2884. Farber's number for this recall is 14E-041.

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 Farber's 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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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