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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
15V-868

Subject: Wheel Chair Lift Link Arm Pivot Holes

Dear Mr. Van Laar:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, 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:

IC BUS/AE/2013-2015
IC BUS/BE/2007-2015
IC BUS/CE/2007-2015
IC BUS/FE/2007-2011
IC BUS/RE/2007-2014

Mfr's Report Date: December 22, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-868

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,784

Problem Description:

Navistar, Inc. is recalling certain model year 2007-2015 IC BE and CE school buses, 2013-2015 IC AE school buses, 2007-2011 IC FE school buses, and 2007-2014 IC RE school buses equipped with certain model S2005, S2010, S5005, S5010, S5505, and S5510 wheelchair lifts by Ricon. The affected lifts are equipped with folding link arms that may have pivot holes that are too big, allowing the bearings to move out of position.

Consequence:

If the bearings move out of position, the stowed platform may have excessive movement resulting in failure of the platform mounting. This failure could cause the wheel chair lift platform to fall out of the vehicle when the doors are opened, increasing the risk of injury for the lift operator.

Remedy:

Navistar will notify the purchasers of the lifts, and dealers will inspect the link arms for damage or for displaced bearings. The platform will be inspected for cracks. Any damaged parts will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on February 22, 2016. Owners may contact Navistar customer service at 1-800-448-7825. Note: These buses and wheelchair lifts were subject to a similar recall in 2014. All vehicles that received that recall remedy are still affected by this recall as well.

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.

Navistar's Defect Information Report states that they intend to supersede recall 14V-692 with this one. We advise that since that recall involves a different cause and has already been in effect for a year, that Navistar continue conducting that recall as well.

Navistar's Defect Information Report states that Ricon will notify customers. Requirements state that the owner notification letter must be on the vehicle manufacturer's letterhead.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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

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
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Enforcement