

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-779****Manufacturer Name :** New England Wheels**Submission Date :** NOV 19,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-779**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 15E-068**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : New England Wheels

Address : 33 Manning Road

Billerica MA 01821

Company phone : 800-886-9247

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 278

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Alterer Information :**

Vehicle : 2006-2014 Ford E-Series 250 and 350 Cargo Vans equipped with Ricon Series 2000 and 5000 Series Wheelchair Lifts

Ford E-Series Vans Equipped with Ricon DOT Public use Series 2000 and 5500

Descriptive Information : Series wheelchair lifts manufactured after January 1, 2006 with platforms measuring 32" x 51" and 34" x 54"

Production Dates : JAN 01, 2006 - SEP 30, 2014

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Lift pplatforms can exhibit cracking while in the stowed position which if left unchecked can propogate to the point where separation of the rear portion of the pivot plate occurs rendering the lift potentially inoperable and possibly unsafe for the operator.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : May be unsafe to the occupant and/or operator of the wheelchair lift.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Visible inspection would show cracking to the lift platform pivot plate.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Ricon Corporation

Address : 1135 Aviation Place

San Fernando CALIFORNIA 91340

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

N/A We are an alterer that has installed these Ricon Lifts in end user vehicles..Please see Ricon Recall ID 15E-068

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Per Ricon Safety Recall notice 15E-068 dated October 19, 2015 Ricon will provide a field modification instruction and all material required to mitigate this recall, the details of which have not been received nor communicated to New England Wheels

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : We have no specific instructions or information regarding the remedy component. We have phoned Ricon regarding this recall and as of this filing have not been informed of the availability of any modification instructions or installation kit to remedy this recall.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : N/A We are not manufacturers of this product and thus can not speak to this point.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : New England Wheels will issue recall letters to end users who have purchased the applicable wheelchair lifts.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 01, 2015 - DEC 31, 2015

**Purchaser Information :**

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name :

Address :

Country :

Company Phone :

\* NR - Not Reported