

PART 573 Defect and/or Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports
(Safety Defect and/or Noncompliance Information Report Form – Vehicles)

On October 27th, 2015, Micro Bird Corporation Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exits in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

The date this report was prepared: November 16th, 2015

Manufacturer's identification code for this recall: 15-063-RUS (School Buses)

Description: Occurrence of Fatigue Cracks in certain Ricon S-Series Wheelchair Lifts

The vehicles being recalled are manufactured by:

Micro Bird Corporation Inc.
3000 Girardin
Drummondville (Quebec)
Canada J2E 0A1

The defective component was manufactured by:

Ricon Corporation
A Wabtec Subsidiary
1135 Aviation Place
San Fernando, CA 91340

IDENTIFICATION OF THE VEHICLES INVOLDED IN THE RECALL

1. The following vehicles are recalled:

Certain Ford and GM, model MBII, G5 and T-Series, year model 2006-2014, manufactured after January 1, 2006. Please find enclosed a list of the recalled vehicles identification numbers.

2. Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Recalled vehicles are equipped with certain Ricon DOT Public Use, "S" 2000, 5000 and 5500 Series lifts manufactured after January 1, 2006 equipped with platforms measuring 32"x51" and 34"x54". The affected population is comprised of six (6) primary model numbers:

S2005-XXXXXXXX
S2010-XXXXXXXX
S5005-XXXXXXXX
S5010-XXXXXXXX
S5505-XXXXXXXX
S5510-XXXXXXXX

RECALL POPULATION

3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect:

221 buses involved in the United States.

4. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

100%

5. The basis for the recall population:

The lift serial numbers provided by Ricon have been matched to our vehicles.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DEFECT

6. The defect consists:

Under certain conditions present in some applications, the platforms included on the potentially affected S-Series model wheelchair lifts can exhibit cracking of the platform pivot plate while in the stowed position resulting from bent knuckle arms and/or DU bearings that have fallen out of their holes in the Knuckle Link Arm. If left unchecked the platforms can develop cracks and can propagate 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.

7. The risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect:

In the event the aforementioned crack occurs on both sides of the platform and is allowed to propagate to the point of material separation on both sides it is possible for the lift platform to lean against the vehicle lift door(s) and fall out of the vehicle when the door(s) is(are) opened putting the lift operator at risk.

THE CHRONOLOGY OF ALL PRINCIPAL EVENTS THAT DETERMINE THE DEFECT

8. The basis for determination of the defect:

Micro Bird Corporation Inc. received a safety recall notice from Ricon on October 27th, 2015.

In fact, no report, accident, injury, fire or fatality has been reported to Micro Bird Corporation Inc. regarding this situation.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMEDY

9. The defect will be corrected in the following manner:

Ricon will provide a field modification instruction and all material required to mitigate this recall at no charge. It will be the responsibility of the lift owners to execute the mitigation.

RECALL SCHEDULE

10. Estimated dates of notification:

The dealer notification letters should be sent by the end of November 2015.

The owner notification letters should be sent by the end of November 2015.

Parts to remedy the defect will be provided by Ricon.

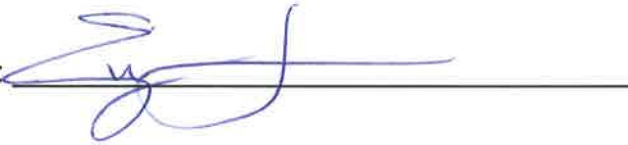
11. Dealer and owner notification

A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

Any question relating to this recall/report should be directed to:

Emy Lavigne, Regulations and Standards Technician
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3000 Girardin
Drummondville (Quebec)
Canada J2E 0A1
(819) 477-2012 ext. 433

Signature:

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