

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-350

Manufacturer Name : New England Wheels

Submission Date : MAY 17, 2016

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-350

Manufacturer Recall No. : 16E-020



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : New England Wheels

Address : 33 Manning Road

Billerica MA 01821

Company phone : 800-886-9247

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Alterer Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2006-2015 Ricon S2000 and S5500 Series Wheelchair Lifts

Descriptive Information : Ford E-Series Vans 2006-2014 and Ford Transit Vans 2015 Equipped with Ricon DOT Public Use Series S2000 and S5500 Series Wheelchair lifts manufactured after January 1, 2006 equipped with platforms measuring 32" x 51" and 34" x 54"

Production Dates : JAN 01, 2006 - APR 20, 2015

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Lift platforms can exhibit cracking of the platform pivot plate while in the stowed position which if left unchecked can propagate to the point where separation of the rear portion of the pivot plate occurs rendering the lift potentially inoperable and possibly unsafe to 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 wheelchair 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 16E-020

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Per Ricon Safety Recall notice dated April 29, 2016 Ricon will provide a field modification instruction and all material required to mitigate this recall,should the lifts in question fail a visual inspection process.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : We have no specific instructions or information regarding the remedy component. As of this filing we have not been informed by Ricon 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 as such 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 aforementioned wheelchair lifts.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 30, 2016 - JUN 10, 2016

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