

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 16V-398

**Manufacturer Name :** Ameritrans Bus, Inc.

**Submission Date :** MAY 17, 2016

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-398

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Ameritrans Bus, Inc.

**Address :** 3601 C.R. 6

Elkhart IN 46514

**Company phone :** 5742628935

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 5

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 50 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2015-2016 Ford E450 285

**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

**Body Style :** OTHER

**Power Train :** GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Ricon Wheelchair Lift Recall 16E-020. Recall includes S2000, S5000 and S5500 wheelchair lift models.

**Production Dates :** MAR 02, 2015 - DEC 23, 2015

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** 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 Link Arm and/or DU Bearings that have fallen out of their holes in the knuckle link arm.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If left unchecked the platforms can develop cracks and can propagate to the point where the separation of the rear portion of the pivot plate occurs rendering the lift potentially in operable and possibly unsafe for the operator.

**Description of the Cause :** NR

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** None

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

Name : Ricon Corporation (A Wabtec Subsidiary)  
Address : 1135 Aviation Place  
San Fernando CALIFORNIA 91340  
Country : United States

**Chronology :**

Ricon notified Ameritrans Bus of the recall via certified mail. We received the letter on May 12, 2016. We subsequently performed an internal verification of the information received from Ricon.

**Description of Remedy :**

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

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 01, 2016 - JUN 08, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 01, 2016 - JUN 08, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported