



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 2, 2019

Mr. Jon Savitz
Vice President
Ameritrans Bus, Inc.
2503 Ada Drive
Elkhart, IN 46514

NEF-150MR
19V-158

Subject: Wheelchair Lift may Raise too High/FMVSS 403

Dear Mr. Savitz:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ameritrans Bus, 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:

AMERITRANS/E225/2016

Mfr's Report Date: March 1, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-158

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Ameritrans Bus, Inc. (Ameritrans) is recalling one 2016 E225 vehicle equipped with a Ricon Wheelchair lift. The wheelchair lift positioning input cam may fail while the lift is in use, allowing the platform to travel higher than the vehicle's floor height. As such, this vehicle fails to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 403, "Platform Lift Systems."

Consequence:

If the wheelchair lift platform stops above the vehicle floor, the wheelchair user can tip inwards towards the vehicle when exiting the lift, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Ameritrans will notify the owner and a Ricon dealer will replace the lift positioning input cam, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2019. Owners may contact Ricon customer service at 1-800-322-2884.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of 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).

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kareem Habib". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement