



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 17, 2012

Mr. George D'Amato  
Coach and Equipment Mfg Corp.  
130 Horizon Park Drive  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

NVS-215KS  
12V-569

**Subject:** Wheelchair Lift Armored Cable Short Circuit

Dear Mr. D'Amato:

This letter serves to acknowledge Coach and Equipment Mfg Corp.'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:**

COACH & EQUIPMENT/METRO-LITE/2007, 2009  
COACH & EQUIPMENT/PHOENIX/2006-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 6, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-569

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 323

**Problem Description:**

Coach and Equipment is recalling certain model year 2006-2012 Phoenix transit buses manufactured August 2006, through November 2012; and 2007 and 2009 Metro Lite transit buses manufactured January 2007, through December 2009. These buses are equipped with Ricon manufactured wheelchair lifts which have an optional armored pendant cable. The cable may have been installed such that it doesn't clear the wheelchair lift and without a protective cover, or a misinstalled protective cover.

**Consequence:**

The cable may contact the power lug at the base of the wheel chair lift causing a short circuit that could result in a fire.

**Remedy:**

Ricon will be conducting this recall on behalf of Coach and Equipment Mfg Corp. Ricon will notify the affected owners and will provide a supplemental cover kit and instructions, free of charge. This recall campaign is expected to begin by the end of December 2012. Owners may contact Coach and Equipment Mfg Corp at 1-800-946-7513 or Ricon at 1-818-267-3000.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Coach and Equipment's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

We understand from the defect information report that ricon will be filing the required six quarterly recall completion rates reports.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement