



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

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Mr. David Mihalick
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NVS-215KS
13V-008

Subject: Wheelchair Lift Armored Cable Short Circuit

Dear Mr. Mihalick:

This letter serves to acknowledge Goshen Coach'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:

GOSHEN/G-FORCE/2011-2012
GOSHEN/GC II/2006-2012
GOSHEN/GC II-550/2007-2009
GOSHEN/PACER/2006-2012
GOSHEN/PACER LS/2008, 2010, 2013
GOSHEN/PACER LTD/2012
GOSHEN/SENTINEL/2011

Mfr's Report Date: January 11, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-008

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 342

Problem Description:

Goshen Coach is recalling certain buses as follows: GC II, model years 2006-2012; GCII-550, model years 2007-2009; G-Force, model years 2011-2012; Pacer, model years 2006-2012; Pacer LS, model years 2008, 2010, and 2013; Pacer LTD, model year 2012; and Sentinel, model year 2011. The buses are equipped with a Ricon manufactured wheelchair lift which has 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:

Goshen Coach is working with Ricon to notify owners. Ricon will provide a supplemental cover kit with instructions, free of charge. Owners may contact Goshen Coach at 1-574-970-6300 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.

We have received Goshen'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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

We understand from Goshen's 573 report that Ricon will be submitting the required six quarterly recall completion rates reports. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer Goshen is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if Ricon's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Goshen to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement