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NVS-215KS
13V-009

Subject: Wheelchair Lift Armored Cable Short Circuit

Dear David Mihalick:

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National- Kansas'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:
ELDORADO/AEROTECH 240/2012

Mfr's Report Date: January 8, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-009

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 21

Problem Description:

Eldorado National is recalling certain model year 2012 Aerotech 240 buses manufactured May 2012, through October 2012. The affected 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:

Eldorado National is working with Ricon to notify owners. Ricon will provide a supplemental cover kit with instructions, free of charge. Owners may contact Eldorado National at 1-785-827-1033 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 Eldorado National'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 Eldorado National's 573 report that Ricon will be submitting the required six quarterly recall completion rates reports. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer Eldorado National 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 Eldorado National 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,

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
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Enforcement