



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

March 12, 2013

Mr. Kevin Walker  
Engineering Manager  
Supreme Corporation  
2581 E. Kercher Road  
Goshen, IN 46528

NVS-215KS  
13V-083

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

Dear Mr. Walker:

This letter serves to acknowledge Supreme Corporation'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:**  
STARTRANS/MFSAB/2009-2010

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 18, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-083

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4

**Problem Description:**

Supreme Corporation (Supreme) is recalling certain model year 2009-2010 Startrans MFSAB school buses equipped with Ricon manufactured wheelchair lifts which have an optional armored pendant cable. The armored cable may be positioned such that it does not clear the wheelchair lift.

**Consequence:**

If the cable does not clear the wheel chair lift it may contact the power lug and if it does not have a nonconductive cover, or it has an improperly installed non-conductive cover, then a short circuit may occur that could result in a fire.

**Remedy:**

Ricon will be conducting this recall on behalf of Supreme. 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 during March 2013. Owners may contact Supreme at 1-877-258-1391 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 Supreme'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:

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

We understand from Supreme's defect information report that Ricon will be filing the required six quarterly recall completion rates reports. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Supreme 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 Supreme 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](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