



July 29, 2008

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.
400 - 7th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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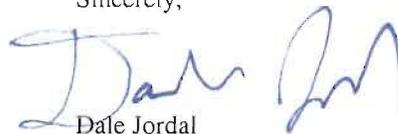
Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Winnebago Industries, Inc. submits the following report pursuant to Part 573 of the NHTSA regulations. The numbered paragraphs below correspond to those found at Part 573.5(c).

1. Winnebago Industries, Inc.
605 W. Crystal Lake Road
Forest City, IA 50436
2. The motor vehicles potentially containing the nonconformity are certain 2006 through 2008 Winnebago (Models: Access™, Minnie Winnie®, Sightseer®, Voyage®, Adventurer®, Journey®, Tour®, Vectra®) and Itasca (Models: Cambria®, Horizon® motor homes). These motor homes were built between January 12, 2006 and January 8, 2008. The vehicles are being identified using the serial number and production records showing VINs.
3. The total number of vehicles having this nonconformity is 31.
4. The percentage of vehicles estimated to be nonconforming is 100 percent.
5. The noncompliance with S6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 is the result of the anti-stow interlock system not detecting the presence of a 50-lb. test weight when the weight is located close to the pivot point for the platform. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations, it may be possible for the lift platform to begin stowing while a wheelchair or mobility aid user is still occupying the area of the platform close to the pivot point of the platform. This situation could cause personal injury.
6. Winnebago Industries, Inc. discovered the nonconformity as a result of Ricon Corporation contacting Winnebago Industries®. Reference Recall #07E-097.
7. N/A.
8. Winnebago Industries was assisting Ricon Corporation to correct the situation by mailing out the owner and dealer letters for the 31 lifts Winnebago Industries had purchased. Winnebago Industries estimates the owner letter will be mailed on or about the week of August 4, 2008. Ricon Corporation will be compiling and submitting the Quarterly Reports.
9. Enclosed is a copy of the dealer letter in draft form.
10. Enclosed is a copy of the Ricon owner letter in draft form.
11. N/A.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Dale Jordal
Product Safety Administrator

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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
RECALL MGMT DIV.

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Enclosures



July 29, 2008

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«city», «state» «zip»

**RE: BODY SERIAL «warranty_sn_no»
CHASSIS SERIAL «chassis_no»**

Dear «salutation» «lname»:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Our records indicate that you have purchased a vehicle with the serial number which appears above.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

The noncompliance with S6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 is the result of the anti-stow interlock system not detecting the presence of a 50-lb. test weight when the weight is located close to the pivot point for the platform. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations, it may be possible for the lift platform to begin stowing while a wheelchair or mobility aid user is still occupying the area of the platform close to the pivot point of the platform. This situation could cause personal injury.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Winnebago Industries, Inc. is assisting Ricon Corporation in locating the owners who have a defective lift installed. We are passing the Ricon Recall Notice on to you so your lift can be brought into compliance at no charge to you.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Please contact Ricon Corporation. Enclosed are directions from Ricon Corporation which outlines the steps they would like you to follow to complete this recall.

If you are still unable to obtain such service without charge to you and within a reasonable time, you may contact The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236; [TTY: (800) 424-9153]; or go to www.safercar.gov.

IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR THIS REPAIR

If you have paid to remedy this issue, you may be eligible for a refund. To obtain information on a refund, contact Ricon Corporation.

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR SOLD THE VEHICLE

If you have changed your address or sold/traded your vehicle, please let us know by contacting Winnebago Industries® Owner Relations by e-mail at or@winnebagoind.com; in writing at Owner Relations Department, P.O. Box 152, Forest City, Iowa 50436; or by telephone at (641) 585-6939 or (800) 537-1885.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We are sorry to cause you this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. This letter does not constitute an acknowledgment of legal liability.

Winnebago Industries, Inc.
Forest City, Iowa 50436
RP120/7

Enclosure



Ricon Corporation
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Panorama City, CA 91402

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June 23, 2008

Safety Standard Non-Compliance Recall Notification - #07E-097

This notice is posted as a convenience to our customers who wish to check their Ricon lift serial number(s) against the master list of lifts requiring inspection and/or repair. Ricon Corp. has determined that a safety related non-compliance with S6.10.2.3 of the 403 (Anti Stow interlock) exists in certain "DOT Public Use" and "DOT Private" platform wheelchair lifts manufactured between April 1, 2005 and September 6, 2006.

WHY ARE WE CONDUCTING THIS RECALL:

The non-compliance with S6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 is the result of the Anti Stow Interlock not detecting the presence of a 50lb test weight on the inboard end of the platform operating volume. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations the wheelchair lift may begin to stow while occupied by a wheelchair or mobility aid user. This situation could cause personal injury.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

If your serial # is one of those included in this recall follow the procedures outlined below to perform modifications as follow:

Adjustment Procedures

- 1. Park the vehicle in a safe location.**
- 2. Open the lift door(s) and deploy the lift to the floor level position.**
- 3. Place the 50lb test weight oriented lengthwise along the length of the platform and at the most inboard end of the platform operation volume. There is a non-skid decal on the platform that defines this location.**
- 4. Depress the Stow button. Platform should not stow. If platform does not stow, the lift is properly adjusted. If platform stows with the test weigh, continue with the following procedure:**
 - a. Remove the pump cover and locate the anti-stow pressure switch.**
 - b. Remove the "jam" set screw in the center of the switch and turn the adjusting set screw one half turn counterclockwise.**



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- c. **Place the test weight in the prescribed location.**
- d. **Adjust pressure switch in the counterclockwise direction until such point where when the Stow function is depressed, the lift will not stow with the test weight in the prescribed location. It is good practice to adjust the switch 1/8-1/4 turn at a time.**
- e. **Once pressure switch is set, replace the lock screw. Note – When tightening the lock screw, the adjustment screw may turn up to ¼ turn.**
- f. **Re-test to make sure lift will not stow with test weight in prescribed location**
- g. **Remove test weight**
- h. **Depress the stow switch. Lift should stow with empty platform.**

Note – Previous procedures relied on the number of “clicks” heard from the pump solenoid. It is normal for a properly adjusted lift to execute 15 or more “clicks”.

WHAT RICON CORPORATION WILL DO:

If you are already factory trained to perform service on Ricon lifts, the adjustments can be done at your location. If you are not factory trained to service Ricon lifts, we will arrange for the repairs to be done at the nearest Ricon authorized service center/dealer.

We have attached an “Inspection/Repair Log”, for your convenience, to record the inspection and/or adjustments that are completed on your lifts. Please download this form and return a copy of the completed Log indicating the inspection and/or repairs were completed to 818/267-3139.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning these procedures please contact Ricon at (800) 322-2884 or by email at opardinas@wabtec.com

Sample Recall Reply Card

End User Address

(Front)

OEM Address

NHTSA SAFETY RECALL REPLY

Recall Number – 07E-097

Anti Stow Interlock System

{ End User Name } owns/operates buses equipped with Ricon Wheelchair lifts with serial numbers matching the recall campaign.

Please schedule repair as soon as possible.

{ End User Name } no longer owns/operates the buses mentioned in the recall. The new owner/operator of these buses is: _____

June 23, 2008

Mr. Safety Director
ABC Bus Co.
123 Your Street
Your Town, USA

RE: Safety Standard Non-Compliance Recall Notification (# 07E-097)

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Dear Mr. Director:

Ricon Corporation has determined that a safety related noncompliance with S6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 exists in public and private use wheelchair lifts manufactured by Ricon on the above dates.

This recall affects certain wheelchair lift products built between April 1, 2005 and September, 2006 inclusive.

WHAT IS BEING RECALLED:

This recall process applies to the "Anti Stow Interlock System" only on Ricon's "1200, 2000 and 5500" series platform lifts labeled for "DOT Public Use" and "DOT Private Use". It does not apply to other Ricon products.

WHY IS IT BEING RECALLED:

The non-compliance with S6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 is the result of the Anti Stow Interlock System not detecting the presence of a 50lb test weight on the platform operating volume. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations it may be possible for the lift platform to begin stowing while at wheelchair or mobility aid user is still occupying the area of the platform close to the pivot point of the platform. This situation could cause personal injury.

WHAT YOU AS THE OWNER SHOULD DO:

We have enclosed a list of lifts you purchased that were manufactured during the specified time period. If you are an authorized Ricon repair agent, you should follow the

procedures outlined below to perform modifications. If not, you should schedule your vehicle for service at your nearest Ricon authorized dealer:

Adjustment Procedures

Note – Test weight dimensions are 6 x 6 x 12 inches

- 1. Park the vehicle in a safe location.**
- 2. Open the lift door(s) and deploy the lift to the floor level position.**
- 3. Place the 50lb test weight oriented lengthwise along the length of the platform and at the most inboard end of the platform operation volume. There is a non-skid decal on the platform that defines this location.**
- 4. Depress the Stow button. Platform should not stow. If platform does not stow, the lift is properly adjusted. If platform stows with the test weight, continue with the following procedure:**
 - a. Remove the pump cover and locate the anti-stow pressure switch.**
 - b. Remove the “jam” set screw in the center of the switch and turn the adjusting set screw one half turn counterclockwise.**
 - c. Place the test weight in the prescribed location.**
 - d. Adjust pressure switch in the counterclockwise direction until such point where when the Stow function is depressed, the lift will not stow with the test weight in the prescribed location. It is good practice to adjust the switch 1/8-1/4 turn at a time.**
 - e. Once pressure switch is set, replace the lock screw. Note – When tightening the lock screw, the adjustment screw may turn up to ¼ turn.**
 - f. Re-test to make sure lift will not stow with test weight in prescribed location**
 - g. Remove test weight**
 - h. Depress the stow switch. Lift should stow with empty platform.**

Note – Previous procedures relied on the number of “clicks” heard from the pump solenoid. It is normal for a properly adjusted lift to execute 15 or more “clicks”.

WHAT RICON CORPORATION WILL DO:

Upon notification from your end-user customer, Ricon will work with them to make the necessary adjustments to the pressure switch (es) on their lift (s). If the end-user is already factory trained to perform service on Ricon products, the adjustment can be done at the end-user’s location. If the end-user is not factory trained to perform service on

Ricon products, we will arrange for the adjustment to be done at the nearest Ricon authorized service center/dealer.

The lift adjustments will be completed at no charge to the end-user. Whether the repairs are done by the end-user or an authorized Ricon Dealer, Ricon will pay a \$37.50 labor charge. No parts are necessary to correct this noncompliance.

If the lift is retrofitted by an authorize Ricon dealer and it is not completed within 3 business days, please notify Ricon Customer Support at the toll free number listed above.

If, after contacting the authorized dealer and Ricon Customer Support, your inspection and/or repair is not completed in a reasonable time and without charge you may notify:

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, D. C. 20590
Phone (888) 327-4236

Ricon Corp. will take responsibility for compiling and submitting required “Quarterly Reports” to NHTSA covering end-user retrofits upon receipt of the customer (end-user) contact information from each OEM/Dealer.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning these procedures please contact the Ricon Customer Service at (800)322-2884 or by email at OPardinas@Wabtec.com.

Sincerely,



Oscar Pardin
Director of Business Development and Communications
Ricon Corp.

Placement of Test weight for Anti-Stow Interlock Adjustment - Recall 07E-097

