

## **SAFETY DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE NOTICES RECEIVED DURING NOVEMBER 2008**

### **EQUIPMENT:**

3M Company (3M) is recalling 276 rolls of 3M Flexible Prismatic Conspicuity Markings Series 963 retro-reflective sheeting which is designed to enhance the conspicuity of certain trucks and trailers and is sold for use as aftermarket equipment. The sheeting in question does not comply with one of the photometric performance requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The 3M Part Numbers are: 963-10 (white), 963-326 (red/white), and 963-32 (red/white). The items were produced from the week of August 25 through November 6, 2008. The lot numbers are EDB 1926, 1927, 1928, and 1934. The sheeting does not reflect light as required by the standard and a vehicle crash could occur. 3M will notify owners and will offer to replace the noncompliant sheeting with equivalent or better sheeting at no charge. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners can contact 3M at 1-651-736-3132. 08E-066

### **VEHICLES:**

Eveland is recalling 2 MY 2003-2006 Scamp 19' Deluxe fifth wheel travel trailers equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. The refrigerator may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. Eveland will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 08E032). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse free of charge. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist the owner in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. Owners may contact Dometic/Stericycle at 1-888-446-5157 or Eveland at 1-218-947-4932. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-010, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-576

VW is recalling 130 MY 2009 Passat, Passat wagon, and Passat CC vehicles. Some vehicles may have an electromechanical steering gear control unit that can malfunction due to a damaged capacitor. If this malfunction occurs, the driver's steering input is not properly processed by the system and the vehicle may not respond as the driver intends. This defect can only occur immediately after vehicle start-up when the steering wheel is moved for the first time and at speeds less than 5 mph. Driver attempts to overcome the system during malfunction will cause (1) vibrations in the steering wheel; (2) the steering system motor to turn off; (3) the red steering system malfunction indicator light to illuminate; and (4) audible warnings to chime. A malfunctioning steering system could lead to a crash without warning. Dealers will replace the steering gear in the affected vehicles. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact VW at 1-800-4822-8987. 08V-577

Monaco is recalling 202 MY 2006 Monarch SE, MY 2009 Riptide, MY 2006 Holiday Rambler Admiral SE, MY 2007-2009 Arista, MY 2007-2009 Safari Passage, MY 2006 Simba, Trek Gas, and MY 2006-2007 R-Vision Trail-Lite and Trail-Aire motor homes built on Workhorse chassis. The castle nut that retains the steering drag link to the pitman arm may have been improperly torqued during assembly. The improper torque may have damaged the castle nut and compromised the integrity of the connection. If the drag link were to separate from the pitman arm, the driver would not have directional control of the vehicle possibly causing a crash. Monaco is working with Workhorse to replace and properly tighten the castle nut that retains the steering drag link to the pitman arm (please see 08V442). Owners may contact Workhorse at 1-877-946-7731 or Monaco at 1-800-685-6545. 08V-578

Goshen is recalling 309 MY 2005-2007 GCII, Pacer II, Pacer LTD, and Sentinel buses equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles." The anti-stow interlock may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. The pressure sensing switch that detects the presence of weight on the platform was not adjusted to the necessary sensitivity level. The lift could stow even though someone or something is still on the lift. A lift occupant can be injured should the lift begin to stow unintentionally. Goshen is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E097). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Goshen at 1-574-970-6300. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-579

Eclipse is recalling 2 MY 2007 Ford Paratransit and Transmaster Shuttle vans equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These buses fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installation in Motor Vehicles." The threshold warning system may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. The user of the lift could be injured should the lift move unintentionally. Eclipse is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E095). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Eclipse at 1-574-262-1223. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-580

Van Hool is recalling 76 MY 2008-2009 C2045 and T2145 motor coaches equipped with Caterpillar C13 diesel engines. The extension pipes attached to the aftertreatment regeneration device (ARD) may develop a hole, and heat and flame may escape during a regeneration of the diesel particulate filter. This may result in a fire hazard. Van Hool is working with Caterpillar to repair these vehicles (please see 08E054). Owners may contact Caterpillar at 1-800-447-4986 or Van Hool at 1-407-656-7977. 08V-581

GM is recalling 12,662 MY 2009 Cadillac CTS vehicles for failing to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection." Under certain conditions, a software condition within the passenger sensing system may disable the front passenger air bag when it should be enabled or enable it when it should be disabled. In a vehicle crash, if the front passenger air bag does not operate as designed, increased personal injury could occur. Dealers will reprogram the passenger sensing system module free of charge. The recall began on November 18, 2008. Owners may contact Cadillac at 1-866-982-2339 or through the website at [www.gmownercenter.com](http://www.gmownercenter.com). 08V-582

Chrysler is recalling 20,283 MY 2006-2009 Charger and Magnum vehicles built with the police package and equipped with a column shifter. The gearshift cable may become disengaged from the steering column mounting bracket and cause an incorrect transmission gearshift position display. This could allow the vehicle to move in an unexpected direction startling the driver, and cause a crash without warning. Dealers will add a redundant locking mechanism to the gearshift cable at the mounting bracket to ensure proper retention and shift linkage function. The recall began on November 10, 2008. Owners may contact Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403. 08V-583

Cowboy Classic is recalling 13 MY 2006 Featherlite, Elite, Platinum, Keifer, and MY 2007 Elite and Platinum horse trailers equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. The refrigerator may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. Cowboy Classic will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 08E032). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse free of charge. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist the owner in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. Owners may contact Dometic/Stericycle at 1-888-446-5157 or Cowboy Classic at 1-417-724-0306. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-010, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-584

Bentley is recalling 14 Bentley T2, Continental, Mulsanne, and Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow II, Silver Wraith II, Corniche, Silver Spirit and Silver Spur vehicles. A fuel hose assembly, available as a replacement part, has been found to have a defect in the material specification of the rubber hose. The hose may degrade under certain operating conditions resulting in a fuel leak. Fuel leakage, in the presence of an ignition source, could result in a fire. Dealers will replace the fuel hose assembly free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Bentley at 1-617-488-8500. 08V-585

New Flyer is recalling 1,001 MY 2004-2007 D40LF, MY 2005 D40LFR, and MY 2007-2008 D60LFR transit buses equipped with Cummins ISM diesel engines equipped with CE Niehoff C701A or C703A alternators. Failure of the forward alternator bearing may result in a drop and seizure of the rotating alternator shaft and pulley. Once the pulley is stationary, the alternator drive belt continues to pass over the pulley creating high quantities of belt dust. Due to the very high internal temperatures created at the bearing during shaft seizure, the belt dust may ignite, resulting in an engine compartment fire. To increase the potential longevity of the alternator bearings, dealers will incorporate a lower tension belt tensioner and a narrower belt. To prevent thermal ignition in the event of a bearing failure, a lighter duty, narrower belt will shred rather than continue to run over the stationary pulley. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact New Flyer at 1-204-934-4803. 08V-586

Collins Bus is recalling 868 MY 2005-2007 Grand Bantam and Super Bantam school buses manufactured between April 5, 2005 and January 17, 2007, equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." The threshold warning system may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. The user of the lift could be injured should the lift move unintentionally. Collins Bus is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E095). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Collins Bus at 1-800-533-1850. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-587

Collins Bus is recalling 868 MY 2005-2007 Grand Bantam and Super Bantam school buses manufactured between April 5, 2005 and January 17, 2007, equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles." The anti-stow interlock may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. The pressure sensing switch that detects the presence of weight on the platform was not adjusted to the necessary sensitivity level. The lift could stow even though someone or something is still on the lift. A lift occupant can be injured should the lift begin to stow unintentionally. Collins Bus is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E097). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Collins Bus at 1-800-533-1850. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-588

Farber Specialty is recalling 32 MY 2005-2008 commercial mobile command specialty vehicles built on Workhorse, Freightliner, Chevrolet, Ford, Utilimaster and Winnebago chassis and equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles." The anti-stow interlock may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. The pressure sensing switch that detects the presence of weight on the platform was not adjusted to the necessary sensitivity level. The lift could stow even though someone or something is still on the lift. A lift occupant can be injured should the lift begin to stow unintentionally. Farber Specialty is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E097). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Farber Specialty at 1-818-267-3016. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-589

Farber Specialty is recalling 32 MY 2005-2008 commercial mobile command specialty vehicles built on Workhorse, Freightliner, Chevrolet, Ford, Utilimaster and Winnebago chassis and equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." The threshold warning system may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. The user of the lift could be injured should the lift move unintentionally. Farber Specialty is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E095). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Farber Specialty at 1-818-267-3016. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-590

Pierce is recalling 3 MY 2008 Quantum fire trucks equipped with ArvinMeritor axle assemblies with suspect wheel end studs. The wheel end studs were improperly tempered, potentially rendering them brittle and susceptible to fracture. If one wheel stud fractures, the remaining wheel studs are required to carry more load. If left in this condition, the remaining wheel studs may also fracture even if they are properly manufactured. Fractured wheel studs could result in a vehicle crash. Customers have been notified by ArvinMeritor and all three Pierce trucks have been inspected and repaired. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

08V-591

Elkhart Coach is recalling 63 MY 2005-2007 ECI and ECII shuttle buses equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." The threshold warning system may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. The user of the lift could be injured should the lift move unintentionally. Elkhart Coach is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E095). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Elkhart Coach at 1-574-264-5179. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

08V-592

Honda is recalling 3,940 MY 2001 Accord and Civic vehicles. The driver's air bag inflator could produce excessive internal pressure. If an affected air bag deploys, the increased internal pressure may cause the inflator to rupture. Metal fragments could pass through the air bag cushion material possibly causing injury to vehicle occupants. Dealers will replace the air bag inflator free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on or before December 22, 2008. Owners may contact Honda at 1-800-999-1009.

08V-593

Elkhart Coach is recalling 63 MY 2005-2007 ECI and ECII shuttle buses equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles." The anti-stow interlock may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. The pressure sensing switch that detects the presence of weight on the platform was not adjusted to the necessary sensitivity level. The lift could stow even though someone or something is still on the lift. A lift occupant can be injured should the lift begin to stow unintentionally. Elkhart Coach is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E097). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Elkhart Coach at 1-574-264-5179. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

08V-594

BMW is recalling 2,500 MY 2008-2009 M3 passenger vehicles with an optional double clutch transmission. The problem involves the double clutch gearbox. In a situation of rapid vehicle deceleration, the transmission software may perform a multistage downshift. In that situation, at low vehicle speeds, it is possible for the engine to stall increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will reprogram the engine and transmission electronic control unit with updated software free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact BMW at 1-800-831-1117.

08V-595

Newmar is recalling 913 MY 2007-2009 All Star ME, Dutch Star DP, MY 2007-2008 Kountry Star DP, MY 2007 Mountain Aire DP, and MY 2009 Dutch Aire DP and Ventana DP motor homes built on Spartan chassis and equipped with Putnam hitches. After some period of use, certain trailer hitches may develop stress fractures due to sharp radii and/or tool marking. Fractures in the suspect hitches may result in hitch separation, potentially resulting in injury and/or property damage. Newmar is working with Spartan who will replace the trailer hitch free of charge (please see 08V567). Owners may contact Spartan at 1-517-543-6400 or Newmar at 1-574-773-7791. 08V-596

Prevost is recalling 81 MY 2008-2009 X3-45, H3-41, and H3-45 motor coaches. During production the wrong grade 5 bolts were used to install the pedestal of the passenger seat. There is a possibility that the bolts would break at installation or during the normal use of the vehicle. In the event of a crash, a seat occupant may not be properly restrained increasing the risk of personal injury. Dealers will replace the bolts with the correct specified bolts free of charge. The recall began on November 18, 2008. Owners may contact Prevost at 1-418-831-5432.. 08V-597

Pierce is recalling 15 MY 2007-2008 Dash, Enforcer, Impel, Quantum and Velocity fire trucks equipped with ArvinMeritor rear disc brakes and suspension. Interference with the brake caliper adjuster bolt sleeve and the suspension beam may occur. This interference may occur if the right hand and left hand brake components were assembled on the wrong side of the axle. The adjuster bolt is designed to rotate as the brake pads wear. If the sleeve becomes damaged, the sleeve may prevent the adjuster from rotating. If the adjuster can not rotate, brake performance may be compromised and a crash may occur. Dealers will adjust the bolt sleeve and the proper components free of charge. All owners have been notified by ArvinMeritor. 08V-598

Diamond Coach is recalling 66 MY 2005-2007 VIP motor coaches equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations on Motor Vehicles." The threshold warning system may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. The user of the lift could be injured should the lift move unintentionally. Diamond Coach is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E095). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Diamond Coach at 1-620-795-2191. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-599

Diamond Coach is recalling 66 MY 2005-2007 VIP motor coaches equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift System Accessible for Motor Vehicles." The anti-stow interlock may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. The pressure sensing switch that detects the presence of weight on the platform was not adjusted to the necessary sensitivity level. The lift could stow even though someone or something is still on the lift. A lift occupant can be injured should the lift begin to stow unintentionally. Diamond Coach is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E097). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or Diamond Coach at 1-620-795-2191. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-600

Wilson Trailers is recalling 238 MY 2009 grain trailers. The pivot bolts were loosened at installation and were not properly re-torqued. This could result in premature bushing or hanger wear or loss of axle attachments, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will check the pivot bolts on the suspension hangers for torque and tighten to 475 ft lbs, if necessary. The recall began on November 20, 2008. Owners may contact Wilson Trailers at 1-800-798-2002. 08V-601

Daimler Trucks is recalling 16,000 MY 2005-2009 FCCC and Thomas Built school and transit buses manufactured between March 2005 and May 2008 equipped with a certain brake lamp air pressure switch. The contacts in the pressure switch for the low current brake lamp signal to the chassis ECU may have become contaminated by silicone during assembly causing insulating deposits to build up over time preventing the brake lamps from operating. Inoperative brake lamps would not provide a signal to following drivers that the brakes are applied and a crash may occur. Dealers will replace the pressure switch free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on or about January 16, 2009. Owners may contact Daimler Trucks at 1-800-547-0712 or Thomas Built Buses at 1-336-889-4871. 08V-602

MCI is recalling 1,893 MY 2002-2008 D4005, D4505 and MY 2001-2008 E4500, and J4500 motor coaches equipped with ZF transmissions. There is a potential for the shift selector to malfunction as a result of a cell phone or radio being placed in close proximity to the shifter control pad. When this happens, the shift selector may move into reverse without driver knowledge increasing the risk of a crash. MCI is working with ZF and has created a software update that protects against the potential for transient analog or digital signal interference. These transmissions were manufactured in Germany. Owners may contact MCI at 1-800-333-0371 and ZF at 1-734-416-6200. 08V-603

Reinke is recalling 10 MY 2003-2004 Intermodal Tank Chassis Frames. On certain chassis frames, the lower flange(s) of the frame can develop a small fatigue crack in front of or behind the front suspension hanger. These small cracks can, in some cases, further develop whereby in certain applications the lower flange(s) may fail, increasing the risk of a crash without prior warning. Reinke will inspect and repair the chassis frame flange(s) free of charge at a designated repair facility. The recall began on December 1, 2008. Owners may contact Reinke at 1-877-762-1001. 08V-604

Seagrave recalled 1 MY 2008 Marauder II fire truck equipped with ArvinMeritor axle assemblies with suspect wheel end studs. The wheel end studs were improperly tempered, potentially rendering them brittle and susceptible to fracture. If one wheel stud fractures, the remaining wheel studs are required to carry more load. If left in this condition, the remaining wheel studs may also fracture even if they are properly manufactured. Fractured wheel studs could result in a vehicle crash. This vehicle has been inspected and did not need repair. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-605

Winnebago is recalling 68 MY 2008 Adventurer Limited motor homes. The windshield wipers may fail to operate properly. Inoperative wipers under inclement weather conditions could cause impaired visibility, which has the potential to result in personal injury and/or vehicle and property damage. Dealers will inspect the windshield wiper system and, if required, will install new wiper linkage from the wiper motor to the pivot assemblies. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Winnebago at 1-641-585-3535. 08V-606

Jaguar is recalling 3,754 MY 2009 XF vehicles for instrument cluster speaker function problems. The speaker wires may fracture. As a result, the speaker will cease to operate. If the speaker fails, the following audible notifications are impacted: turn indicator, seat belt warning, lights 'on' warning, driver's door open with key in ignition, driver intervene (adaptive cruise control vehicles only) and seat memory. The audible seat belt warning is to remind drivers to wear their safety belt. If the audible warning is not present, drivers may neglect to wear their safety belt, thereby increasing the risk of injury or death in the event of a crash. Dealers will verify the instrument cluster speaker function and reconfigure the instrument cluster control module software. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Jaguar at 1-800-452-4827. 08V-607

Mercedes-Benz is recalling 1,515 MY 2007 S-Class vehicles. The radial knuckle of the front strut may fail. The radial knuckle flaw may occur after significant mileage accumulation combined with exposure to high continuous stress by driving on rough roads. If a radial knuckle fails, the steering control of the vehicle may be affected, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will check the front strut for the production date. If the front strut falls in the affected production range, the struts will be replaced. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Mercedes-Benz at 1-800-367-6372. 08V-608

American LaFrance is recalling 1,251 MY 2000-2007 Condor fire trucks. The bracket that attaches the hydraulic cylinder to the cab used to raise and lower the vehicle cab for maintenance activities can fail. If the bracket fails due to the forces encountered when the cab passes the break over point and reaches the end of the cylinder travel, the cab will continue its forward movement until it reaches the ground. If the bracket fails during the lifting segment of raising the cab, the cab could fall unrestrained back down onto the chassis, increasing the risk of injury. American LaFrance will repair these vehicles free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. Owners may contact American LaFrance at 1-888-253-8725. 08V-609

Prevost is recalling 395 MY 2007-2009 XL2-45, XL2-45E, and X3-45 motor homes and motor coaches. On some vehicles, the power steering hose protective skin has been damaged at assembly, leaving the metal braiding exposed to the environment. Over time, the metallic braiding may rust up to a point where the hose will give up under pressure. This could result in a loss of control increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will repair the power steering hose assembly. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Prevost at 1-418-831-5432. 08V-610

Eldorado National (ENK) is recalling 850 MY 2005-2008 Aero Elite, Aerolite, Aerotech, and MY 2006-2008 Transtech buses equipped with Ricon platform style wheelchair lifts. These lifts fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles." The anti-stow interlock may not detect the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. The pressure sensing switch that detects the presence of weight on the platform was not adjusted to the necessary sensitivity level. The lift could stow even though someone or something is still on the lift. A lift occupant can be injured should the lift begin to stow unintentionally. ENK is working with Ricon to correct the wheelchair lifts free of charge (please see 07E097). Owners may contact Ricon at 1-818-267-3000 or ENK at 1-800-850-1287. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-611



Autocar is recalling 103 MY 2008-2009 ACX heavy-duty Class 8 vehicles with right-hand drive. These vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, 'Air Brake Systems.' The air brake systems timing specifications are not in compliance with the standard. This standard specifies performance and equipment requirements for vehicles equipped with air brake systems, including air-over-hydraulic brake systems, to ensure safe braking performance under normal and emergency conditions. Autocar will repair these vehicles. The recall is expected to begin on or about December 11, 2008. Owners may contact Autocar at 1-765-489-5499. 08V-612

Hino is recalling 3,836 MY 2008 ND8J, NE8J, NJ8J, and NV8J Class 6 and 7 conventional cab, medium duty trucks equipped with J08E-TV or J08E-TW engines. There is an improper shape of the supply pump coupler located between the supply pump and the air compressor. The coupling may crack, the gear train and valves of the engine could break, and the engine could stop running. This would disable the power steering system, stop the supply of air to the air tank, and may result in insufficient braking power, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will repair the coupling. The recall is expected to begin on or about December 15, 2008. Owners may contact Hino at 1-248-699-9330. 08V-613

GM is recalling 16,667 MY 2009 Buick Enclave, Chevrolet Traverse, GMC Acadia, and Saturn Outlook vehicles for failing to conform with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, 'Seat Belt Assemblies.' These vehicles may have been built with a safety belt buckle in the second or third row that is missing a rivet. In a vehicle crash, if the rivet is missing, the buckle may separate from the mounting strap, increasing the risk of injury to the passenger. Dealers will inspect the safety belt buckles in the second and third rows, and replace them if necessary. The recall began on November 26, 2008. Owners may contact Buick at 1-866-608-8080; Chevrolet at 1-800-630-2438; GMC at 1-866-996-9463; Saturn at 1-800-972-8876; or through the website at [www.gmownercenter.com](http://www.gmownercenter.com). 08V-615

GM is recalling 2,149 MY 2009 Saturn Vue vehicles. Some of these vehicles may have been built with an incorrect right and/or left front steering knuckle. As a result of the incorrect knuckle and resulting inadequate clearance, the tie rod ball stud could pull out of, or fracture, the tie rod housing. This could cause the tie rod to separate from the knuckle. Although steering control of the vehicle could be maintained after a tie rod separation by the unaffected wheel on smooth roads or during light braking, with more significant suspension or braking inputs, the affected wheel could turn out and skid. If a vehicle built with two incorrect steering knuckles had both tie rods separate at the same time, steering control of the vehicle would be lost, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will inspect the steering knuckles and, if necessary, replace the steering knuckle(s) and tie rod(s). The recall began on December 8, 2008. Owners may contact Saturn at 1-800-972-8876 or through the website at [www.gmownercenter.com](http://www.gmownercenter.com). 08V-616

Nissan Diesel is recalling 549 MY 2008 UD1800, UD2000, UD2300, UD2600, and UD3300 medium duty trucks. A failure of the fuel injection pump drive coupler can occur. The bottom corner of the notched drive surface was improperly machined. With increased fuel pump pressure, the required turning torque on the drive coupler increased. The increased turning torque could crack the coupler at the bottom corner without warning under normal vehicle operation. Continued operation with a cracked drive coupler could result in the coupler becoming broken and causing the engine to stall and not restart, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the fuel injection pump drive coupler. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. Owners may contact Nissan Diesel at 1-972-756-5500. 08V-617

Navistar is recalling 14,048 MY 2008-2010 LoneStar and ProStar trucks. The service brake air line that runs from the tractor protection valve to the fast brake module may separate from the module resulting in loss of trailer service brakes. Loss of trailer service brakes may cause a crash resulting in possible property damage, personal injury, or death. Dealers will replace the fast brake modules and the air lines running to the module will be rerouted to eliminate line tension caused by cab to frame relative motion. The recall is expected to begin during February 2009. Owners may contact Navistar at 1-800-448-7825. 08V-618

Navistar is recalling 977 MY 2009 International 3200, 4100, 4300, 4400 trucks and IC Bus HC commercial buses. The front axle bearings in some cases were not sufficiently lubricated during assembly which may result in bearing seizing or possible wheel separation. A seized bearing on the front axle could result in a vehicle crash which may result in property damage, personal injury, or death. Dealers will inspect the front axle bearings. Bearings will be lubricated and replaced if required. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Navistar at 1-800-448-7825. 08V-619

Fleetwood is recalling 106 MY 2009 Icon and Pulse 24A motor homes. The propane hose connections may be installed in a position that causes them to become pinched against the propane tank. This may result in damage to the propane hose or fittings and could lead to a propane gas leak and the potential for an explosion and/or fire. Dealers will inspect and, if necessary, reposition the connections for the propane hoses. Propane hoses will be inspected and replaced if damaged. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Fleetwood at 1-800-322-8216. 08V-620

M. H. Eby recalled 1 MY 2009 SM1GLP ground loader trailer equipped with ArvinMeritor axle assemblies with suspect wheel end studs. The wheel end studs were improperly tempered, potentially rendering them brittle and susceptible to fracture. If one wheel stud fractures, the remaining wheel studs are required to carry more load. If left in this condition, the remaining wheel studs may also fracture even if they are properly manufactured. Fractured wheel studs could result in a vehicle crash. The customer has been notified by Eby and arrangements are being made to repair the trailer. This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 08V-621

Daimler Trucks is recalling 17,050 MY 2003-2009 Thomas Built ER, HDX, MVP-ER, and MVP-EF school and transit buses equipped with a dual power switch and manufactured from February 1, 2002 through October 17, 2008. Solid state circuit breakers may trip unnecessarily potentially resulting in a loss of power to the bus chassis and body electrical circuits causing an unexpected loss of engine power and exterior lighting. Unexpected loss of engine power and exterior lighting could result in a vehicle crash. Thomas Built Bus dealers will replace the solid state dual power switch with a mechanical circuit production (Mega Fuse). The recall is expected to begin during February 2009. Owners may contact Thomas Built Buses at 1-336-889-4871. 08V-622

Kawasaki is recalling 4,628 MY 2008 ZG1400A8F/A8FL, and ZG1400B8F/B8FL motorcycles. Trapped road debris may interfere with free movement of the rear brake pedal, preventing full release of the rear brake which can lead to overheating damage and possible brake failure. Brake failure could result in a crash. Kawasaki has not yet provided a remedy plan for this recall. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Kawasaki at 1-949-770-0400. 08V-623

Triumph is recalling 87 MY 2008-2009 Thruxton motorcycles. The installed front brake caliper bracket bolts may be too short, reducing thread engagement of the bolts into the brake caliper bracket. This could result in the loss of control of the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash. Triumph will replace these bolts. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Triumph at 1-678-539-8782. 08V-624

Harley-Davidson is recalling 349 MY 2009 FXDB, FXDC, FXDF, and FXDL motorcycles. These motorcycles have a fuel tank vent tube assembly, Part No. 27389-04A, which may have been produced with a questionable ultrasonic weld on the anti-slosh valve. If the valve separates and the bike is tipped over, it may leak fuel. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire. Dealers will inspect the fuel vent tube assembly and, if necessary, replace it. The recall is expected to begin during December 2008. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson at 1-414-343-4056. 08V-625