OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 19V-158

**Manufacturer Name:** Ameritrans Bus, Inc.

**Submission Date:** MAR 01, 2019

NHTSA Recall No.: 19V-158
Manufacturer Recall No.: N/A



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Ameritrans Bus, Inc.

Address: 3601 C.R. 6

Elkhart IN 46514

Company phone: 2184786

## **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 1 Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2016-2016 Ameritrans E225

Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information: Identified VINs that may have Ricon lift listed in 18E-044.

Found only one vehicle. Others were not equipped with a lift.

Wheelchair Lift

Production Dates: MAR 25, 2016 - MAR 25, 2016

VIN Range 1: Begin: 1FDWE3FL9GDC31363 End: 1FDWE3FL9GDC31363 Not sequential

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The lift positioning input cam may fail while the lift is in use.

FMVSS 1: 403 - Platform lift systems

FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the position input cam fails and the lift operator continues to press the "up"

button on the operating pendant while the lift is occupied, the cutoff switch is disabled and the platform can travel past the vehicle floor height, potentially

causing the occupant to tip inwards, toward the vehicle.

Description of the Cause: The cause of the break in the cam has not been determined.

Identification of Any Warning None

that can Occur:

### **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: Ricon Corporation Address: 1135 Aviation Place

San Fernando CALIFORNIA 91340-1460

**Country: United States** 

## **Chronology:**

Ricon determined that the lift positioning input cam may fail while lift is in use and filed 18E-044 in June 2018. Ameritrans was already out of business and ABC Bus, Inc. was notified by NHTSA of this defect in February 2019. We contacted Ricon, obtained list of affected lift serial numbers and identified one bus to be affected by this recall.

#### **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: The lift positioning input cam may fail while the lift is in use.

How Remedy Component Differs Ricon Safety Recall Letter along with any other supplementing from Recalled Component: documentation will be mailed to Kristin.Lepper@dot.gov.

Identify How/When Recall Condition Production change was implemented beginning on or about July 30, 2018.

was Corrected in Production: No new lifts have been shipped from Ricon following a decision to submit a noncompliance recall report related to a separate aspect of the same

product (18E34).

Ameritrans is no longer in business and therefore, no additional units will

be affected by this recall.

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: As only one Ameritrans bus has been affected by this, we will send out a

notification letter to both dealer and owner between March 1, 2019 and

March 8, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: MAR 01, 2019 - MAR 08, 2019 Planned Owner Notification Date: MAR 01, 2019 - MAR 08, 2019

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported