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## Via Federal Express and Email

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## **DEFECT NOTICE UNDER 49 CFR Part 573 Mobilityworks Vehicles with Braun Lifts**

Dear Ms Timian:

In accordance with 49 USC 30118 and 49 CFR Part 573, this is a report under 49 CFR 573.6 informing you that WMK, Inc. d/b/a MobilityWorks (MobilityWorks has determined that a defect may exist in some MobilityWorks Ford, E-Series vehicles manufactured by MobilityWorks and sold in the United States.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.5(c), MobilityWorks provides the following information (per 49 CFR 573.5(b), new and/or updated information will be submitted as it is available):

- Manufacturer's name: WMK Inc., d/b/a MobilityWorks, Akron Ohio. Contact person – Dennis Summers, VP, 1090 W. Wilbeth Road Akron, OH 44314; Tel. 800 769 8267; MobilityWorks is both a Final Stage Manufacturer under 49 CFR 567.5, as well as an Alterer under 49 CFR 567.7.
- 2. Identification of vehicles potentially containing the noncompliance: MY 2006 through 2011 MobilityWorks Ford E-Series vehicles manufactured from November 20, 2006 through September 30, 2010. A list of the VINs will need to be generated manually and can provide by October 19, 2012.

**Description of basis of determination of recall population**: Mobilityworks has determined some vehicles were manufactured with Braun lifts which Braun has informed us have a certain safety defect (and for which Braun is conducting its own recalls).

- 3. **Total number of US vehicles potentially containing the defect**: The number of MobilityWorks Ford Van vehicles sold in the USA that could have this problem potentially totals 3,561.
- 4. The percentage of vehicles specified in #3 above estimated to contain the Braun component defect is 1,219 or 34.23%.
- 5. **Description of the defect**: Mobilityworks has been informed by Braun that certain (series AA through DA) Century and Vista 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Dual Parallel Arm model wheelchair lifts manufactured from November, 2006 to September 1010 may develop or exhibit a defect related to the outer rollstop latch. This defect may result in a passenger falling from the elevated lift platform and being injured or killed.
- 6. **Data on which determination of defect was made**: The determination was made as of August 30, 2012 based on communications with Braun and NHTSA.
- 7. N/A.
- 8. **Description of program for remedying the defect**: [to be completed pending discussions with NHTSA]
- 9. Copies of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate to the noncompliance and sent to more than one dealer or purchaser:
  [to be completed pending discussions with NHTSA]
- 10. **Draft Owner notification letter** [to be completed pending discussions with NHTSA]
- 11. **Manufacturer's campaign number**: Mobilityworks will use the number assigned by NHTSA.

Respectfully submitted,

Mobilityworks Dennis Summers Vice President