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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-433 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: August 31, 2004

Date Faxed: September 7, 2004

MANUFACTURER: **GIRARDIN MINIBUS, INC.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **LUC GUILLEMETTE**

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SUBJECT: 35 MY 1999-2003 MB IV & MB II SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES BUILT ON FORD E-350 & E-450, GM 3500 CHASSIS, MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JUNE 1, 1999, AND DECEMBER 31, 2003, AND EQUIPED WITH SURE-LOK WHEELCHAIR TIE-DOWN SECUREMENT ASSEMBLIES P/N 8625-13. THE SPROCKET TEETH OF THE RETRACTOR ASSEMBLY MAY BE OUT OF ALIGNMENT CAUSING THE LOAD PAWL NOT TO FULLY SEAT IN THE SPROCKET TEETH.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

As stated in your report, we understand that Sure-Lok will be conducting this safety recall. However, since Girardin Minibus, Inc., (Girardin) is responsible for the defect/noncompliance in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Sure-Lok's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency will require Girardin to conduct a follow-up notification.

If you have any questions, please call:

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