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of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

**JAN 26 2005**

MR. LUC GUILLEMETTE  
SERVICE & WARRANTY MANAGER  
GIRARDIN MINIBUS INC.  
TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY  
DRUMMONDVILLE, QUEBEC, CANADA J2B 6V4

NVS-215kjs  
05V-012

Subject: OPTIONAL BATTERY BOX SHORT CIRCUIT/FIRE

Dear MR. GUILLEMETTE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
GIRARDIN/MB II/2004-2005  
GIRARDIN/MB IV/2004-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-012  
**Components:**  
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

**Recall Date:** January 21, 2005

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** NOT YET DETERMINED

**Summary:**

CERTAIN GIRARDIN MINIBUS MY 2004 AND 2005 MB II AND MB IV FORD DIESEL SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED WITH OPTIONAL BBX (BATTERY BOX) MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY 14, 2004 AND (TO BE DETERMINED). THE ELECTRICAL CABLES (P/NOS. 27DF01 AND 27DF3001) BETWEEN THE BATTERIES AND THE BATTERY JUNCTION BOX (UNDER THE HOOD) HAS NO FUSABLE LINK FOR CABLE PROTECTION.

**Consequence:**

THERE IS NO PROTECTION ON THE ELECTRICAL CABLE AND IF THERE IS A SHORT CIRCUIT, IT MAY POSSIBLY RESULT IN A FIRE.

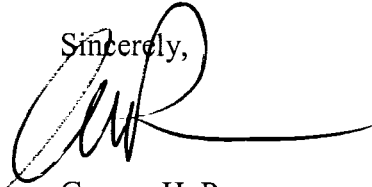
**Remedy:**

THE MANUFACTURER WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND INSTALL A FUSABLE LINK AT THE END OF THE CABLE ATTACHED TO THE BATTERY FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at [KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV](mailto:KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement