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Dear family members:

In the next days, a recall notice will be sent to some of your customers concerning Girardin Minibus recall campaign # 05-011-JSU (joint strength). See attached copy of the notification letter.

The involved vehicles are 2003, 2004 & 2005 MBII & MBIV Ford & GM school buses manufactured between August 17 and October 29, 2004. You will find enclosed a list of the involved vehicles. If some have been sold & are not registered yet, please register them as soon as possible so we can mail the notification letters to the new owners.

As you must know: Vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment that are subject to a recall, but not as yet sold to consumers, **should be removed from sale as quickly as possible**. As specified in 59 U.S.C. § 30112, 30116 and 30120, the recalled product cannot be sold until remedied.

The safety issue is: The amount of adhesive applied to the roof seams and interior panels may be inadequate for the type of adhesive. Also, due to the inadequate joint strength, these buses may fail to conform to the seat test requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210 "Seat belt assembly anchorages". In the event of a vehicle crash, the affected panels and the seats may not resist and this could possibly endanger the occupants of the vehicle.

Remedy: Add the proper adhesive and additional components on the affected panels to ensure that they are conform to the requirements of FMVSS 221.

The *estimated* repair time is around 10 hours per minibus. **The exact repair time will be confirmed on the repair procedure that should be completed in the next days.** Parts will be supplied free of charge and claims will be reimbursed.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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