



Vehicle serial number:

Owner's identification (name & address)

April 25, 2005

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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*.

Girardin Minibus has decided that certain 2003, 2004, and 2005 MBII & MBIV Ford & GM school buses equipped with child restraint anchorage options fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222 "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Our records show that you own the vehicle with the vehicle identification number shown above with your name & address.

The involved vehicles are school buses equipped with child restraint anchorages, options CRA-30LB, CRA-30RB, CRA-34L, CRA-34LB, CRA-34R, CRA-34RB, CRA-39L, CRA-39LB, CRA-39R with parts numbers 50A630-L, 50A630-R, 50A634-L, 50A634-R, 50A639-L, 50A639-R.

What the safety issue is...

The seat back may not absorb enough energy in the event of a vehicle crash, possibly resulting in serious injury or death to the occupant located directly behind the seat with the child restraint anchorage system.

What Girardin Minibus and your dealer will do...

Install a flat bar on each side of the seat where the child seat anchorage is bolted to increase the strength of the seat back. Installation will be done free of charge (parts & labour).

How long will it take?

Time required to fix one seat is 25 minutes and 15 minutes per additional seat. However, due to service scheduling requirements, your dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

What we are asking you to do...

Contact your Girardin dealer without delay. Ask for service date and whether parts are in stock for Girardin Safety Recall 05-009-CRA (NHTSA recall # 05V-141). When you bring your vehicle in, show the dealer this letter. However, if you misplace this letter, your dealer will still do the work, free of charge.

If you prefer to do the repair yourself (or have it done in a garage near you), please call our after-sale service at 819-477-8222 and ask for the parts & instructions to complete the recall. They will be shipped free of charge and the labour will be reimbursed on receipt of the invoice and the repair confirmation letter (supplied with the parts & instructions).



If you've already paid for this service...

If you paid to have this service done before the date of this letter, Girardin Minibus is offering a refund. Please send your paid original receipt with a copy of this letter to Girardin Minibus or give it to your dealer.

Changed address or sold the vehicle?

If you have changed address, or have sold the vehicle, please complete the last section of this letter, sign and date it then fax to Girardin so we can update our records. Our fax number is 819-477-1848. The information you provide will be used to notify the new owner about this recall. If you have leased this vehicle to another person or organization, you must forward this letter to the lessee within 10 days.

If you require any further assistance, please call our after-sale service at 819-477-8222. Please have your vehicle identification number ready for our representative when you call.

Should Girardin fail or is unable to remedy the situation without charge, you may contact:

US Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400, 7th Street South-West, Washington, DC 20590
Phone: (888) 327-4236

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition.

Best regards,
Luc Guillemette, Service & warranty manager
Girardin Minibus, Inc.

Recall 05-009-CRA

(NHTSA recall # 05V-141)

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION UNLESS: You have changed name, moved or no longer own this vehicle.

Vehicle serial number: _____

- This vehicle was stolen.
- This vehicle was destroyed.
- I have changed name or moved (indicate new name/address):
- I no longer own the vehicle, it has been sold or traded to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____