



05V-365

September 2005

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 manufactured between August 17 and October 29, 2004 fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221 "School bus body joint strength". Our records show that you own the vehicle with the vehicle identification number shown above.

**What 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.

**What Girardin Minibus and your dealer will do...**

Dealers will add the proper adhesive and additional components on the affected panels to ensure that they conform to the requirements of FMVSS 221.

**How long will it take?**

The estimated repair time is around 10 hours per minibus. The exact repair time will be confirmed on the repair procedure. 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 05-011-JSU (NHTSA recall # 05V-365). 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.

**Changed address or sold the vehicle?**

If you have changed your 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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 05-011-JSU**

(NHTSA recall # 05V-365)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_