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Administration**

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

NVS-215kjs
06V-027

Subject: AIR CONDITIONER MOUNTING BRACKET WELDS/CARRIER

Dear MR. GUILLEMETTE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

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

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-027

Mfg's Report Date: February 01, 2006

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 13

Summary:

CERTAIN GIRARDIN MY 2004 AND 2005 MB IV SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JULY 6, 2004, AND FEBRUARY 10, 2005, AND EQUIPPED WITH CARRIER COMPRESSOR MOUNT BRACKETS (WELDMENT), P/N 86-62400-00. THIS WELDMENT IS USED TO MOUNT THE SECONDARY COMPRESSOR FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM ON TO THE ENGINE. IF THE INSTALLER DOES NOT ADEQUATELY TORQUE THE MOUNTING HARDWARE OR THERE IS A POOR QUALITY WELD AT THE WELDMENT'S SUPPORT TAB, THE WELDMENT CAN BREAK OR FALL OFF.

Consequence:

IF THE WELDMENT BREAKS OR FALLS OFF, THE COMPRESSOR AND VACUUM PUMP COULD SHIFT CAUSING THE MISALIGNMENT AND EVENTUAL LOSS OF THE DRIVE BELT, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF OR IMPEDANCE TO THE VEHICLE'S PRIMARY BRAKING SYSTEM, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

OWNERS ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT CARRIER AT 717-767-3359 OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.TRANSICOLD.CARRIER.COM FOR A FREE REMEDY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 28, 2006. OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT GIRARDIN MINIBUS SERVICE AND WARRANTY DEPARTMENT AT 819-477-8222.

Notes:

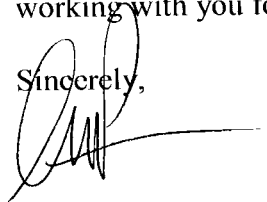
CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

This recall was the subject of an equipment query, EQ04-023, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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 Schule, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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