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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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

NVS-215kjs  
06V-252

Subject: FMVSS 108/BACK-UP LIGHTS IMPROPERLY ILLUMINATED

Dear MR. GUILLEMETTE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance 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 II/2006  
GIRARDIN/MB IV/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-252

**Mfg's Report Date:** July 11, 2006

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BACK UP LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 157

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MY 2006 GIRARDIN MB II AND MB IV SCHOOL AND TRANSIT BUSES BUILT ON FORD AND GM CHASSIS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN APRIL 3 AND JUNE 19, 2006. THE 7" DIA. BACK-UP LIGHTS, P/N 32EZZ014, FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE ILLUMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.

**Consequence:**

THE PRESENCE OF THE MINIBUS MAY NOT BE PERCEIVED CORRECTLY OR ITS SIGNAL NOT UNDERSTOOD BY OTHER MOTORISTS, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

GIRARDIN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE NONCOMPLIANT BACK-UP LIGHTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GIRARDIN CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 819-477-8222.

**Notes:**

GIRARDIN'S RECALL NO. 06-014-BLU. 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).

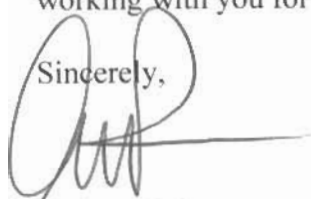
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Girardin's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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 required 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin during August 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement