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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-255

Subject: FMVSS 217/IMPROPER BONDING/REAR SIDE WINDOWS

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 IV G5/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-255

Mfg's Report Date: July 13, 2006

Components:
VISIBILITY:GLASS, SIDE/REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: TO BE DETERMINED

Summary:
CERTAIN 2006 MB IV G5 SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 30 AND JULY 7, 2006. THE TWO REAR SIDE WINDOWS AND THE MOREVIEW WINDOW MAY NOT BE PROPERLY BONDED TO THE WINDOW FRAME. THESE BUSES FAIL TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 217, BUS EMERGENCY EXITS AND WINDOW RETENTION AND RELEASE.

Consequence:

THE WINDOWS MAY BECOME DETACHED FROM THE WINDOW FRAME, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY TO PEDESTRIANS, MOTORISTS, OR THE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

Remedy:

GIRARDIN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES 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. 06-015-WIU. 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. 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