

February 15, 2006

06V-027



Vehicle serial number:

Owner's identification (name & address)

Dear Girardin Minibus Customer:

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 & 2005 model year MBIV commercial & school buses manufactured between July 6, 2004, and February 10, 2005. These buses are equipped with an air conditioning system using a second compressor in addition to the OEM compressor. This decision was based on information provided to us by Carrier Transport Air Conditioning. Our records show that you own the vehicle with the vehicle identification number shown above with your name & address.

What the safety issue is...

Carrier compressor mount bracket (weldment) part number 86-62400-00 used to mount the secondary compressor for the supplemental air conditioning system onto the engine can break or fall off. An inadequate or poor quality weld at the weldment's support tab may be the cause. If the weldment breaks or falls off, the Carrier supplied compressor and Ford OEM vacuum pump could shift causing the misalignment and eventual loss of the drive belt. This could then lead to the belt connecting the compressor to the engine's drive mechanism to become disengaged. If this occurs, the vehicle's vacuum pump would also become disengaged, which could result in the loss of or impedance to the vehicle's primary braking system, which could result in a vehicle crash.

Warning of the defect...

Visual inspection of the weldment may reveal cracking at the welds or broken hardware. Noise, such as metal-to-metal vibration/contact and/or belt squeal from misalignment and loss of belt tension, may be evident. Increased brake pedal pressure may occur. A loss of auxiliary air conditioning will occur.

What we are asking you to do...

Girardin Minibus is recommending the bus owners to contact their local Carrier dealer to arrange to have their buses inspected immediately. You can find a local Carrier transport refrigeration dealer by visiting www.transicold.carrier.com

What Carrier will do...

All potentially defective weldments will be inspected. If weldment has insufficient or poor quality welds, the weldment will be replaced with the new, redesigned weldment. During the inspection, the mounting hardware will also be checked for proper torque. This will be handled by Carrier as a warranty and there will be no charge to the customer.

How long will it take...

The estimated time to inspect the weldment is 0.5 hour. The estimated time to replace the weldment if necessary is 5 hours. Due to service scheduling requirements the Carrier dealer may need your vehicle for a longer period of time.

If you have had your vehicle repaired due to this defect prior to receiving this notice and had to pay for such repair, you may be entitled to reimbursement. For more information, please contact David Oberdorff at Carrier at (717) 767-3359.

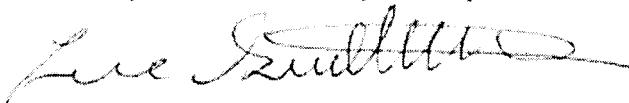
Changed address or sold the vehicle?

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.

Should Carrier fail or is unable to remedy the situation without charge, you may contact: Girardin Minibus Service and Warranty department at 819-477-8222. Should Girardin Minibus 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, 888-327-4236
(TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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

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| Recall 06-012-ACU (NHTSA recall # 06V-027) | |
| <u>DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION UNLESS:</u> You have changed name, moved or no longer own this vehicle. | |
| Vehicle serial number: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle was stolen. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This vehicle was destroyed. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have changed name or moved (indicate new name/address): | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I no longer own the vehicle, it has been sold or traded to: | |
| Name: _____ | |
| Address: _____ | |
| City: _____ | |
| State: _____ | |
| Zip code: _____ | |
| Signature: _____ | Date: _____ |