



DATE: February 2006
TO: Girardin Minibus Distributors
SUBJECT: Recall # 06-012-ACU (NHTSA # 06V-027)
Carrier 2nd compressor mount bracket

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.

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.

Remedy: All potentially defective weldments should be inspected by a Carrier dealer. 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. (Carrier Service Information Bulletin TAC-SER05-001 RevB is enclosed for reference).

A list of the involved vehicles is enclosed. If some have been sold & are not registered yet, please register them as soon as possible. A recall notice will be sent to the end users in the next days (a copy is attached).

Distributors are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to have their units in inventory modified/repared before delivering to the final owner.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (819) 477-8222 extension 455. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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