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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
07V-194

Subject: FMVSS 210/45 INCH SEATS MISSING LEG

Dear MS. BLANCHETTE:

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 G5/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-194

Mfg's Report Date: May 4, 2007

Components:
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Summary:
CERTAIN MB IV G5 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY 4 AND SEPTEMBER 18, 2006, WITH 45 INCH SEATS EQUIPPED WITH TYPE 2 SEAT BELTS FAIL TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGES." THE SEATS WERE INSTALLED WITH ONLY ONE LEG BUT THERE SHOULD BE TWO IN ORDER TO MEET FMVSS 210 REQUIREMENTS.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SEAT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE FORCES INCURRED, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURY THE SEAT OCCUPANT(S).

Remedy:

GIRARDIN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT GIRARDIN AT 819-477-8222 EXT. 401.

Notes:

GIRARDIN RECALL NO. 07-017-SLU. 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).

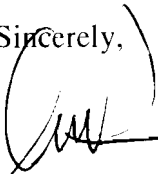
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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).

Girardin must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

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 May 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after 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 KELLY.SCHULER@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