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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

December 19, 2007

MS. CHANTAL BLANCHETTE
SERVICE AND WARRANTY COORDINATOR
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TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY
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NVS-215kjs
07V-565

Subject: FMVSS 404/BRAUN WHEELCHAIR LIFTS

Dear MS. BLANCHETTE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Girardin Minibus Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations for Motor Vehicles" for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/2003
GIRARDIN/MB II/2006
GIRARDIN/MB IV/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-565

Mfg's Report Date: December 7, 2007

Components:

EQUIPMENT:ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 33

Summary:

CERTAIN MY 2003, 2005, AND 2006 MB II AND MB IV SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JULY 2005 AND JUNE 2006, ON FORD AND GM CHASSIS WITH 6.6L ENGINES EQUIPPED WITH BRAUN LIFT MODELS NL916, NL917, AND NL919. THE THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEM MAY NOT ACTIVATE AS DESIGNED WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 404, "PLATFORM LIFT INSTALLATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES."

Consequence:

SHOULD THE THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEM FAIL TO OPERATE, THE LIFT USER CAN FALL FROM THE VEHICLE AND BE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY GIRARDIN INSTRUCTING THEM TO CONTACT BRAUN FOR FREE REPAIR. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 28, 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT BRAUN PRODUCT SUPPORT AT 1-800-946-7513 OR GIRARDIN MINIBUS SERVICE AND WARRANTY DEPARTMENT AT 819-477-8222.

Notes:

GIRARDIN RECALL NO. 07-018-BRU. BRAUN RECALL NO. 06E-094. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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. 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