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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*December 19, 2007*

MS. CHANTAL BLANCHETTE  
SERVICE AND WARRANTY COORDINATOR  
GIRARDIN MINIBUS INC.  
TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY  
DRUMMONDVILLE, QUEBEC CANADA J2B 6V4

NVS-215kjs  
07V-574

Subject: BATTERY BOX CABLE

Dear MS. BLANCHETTE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Girardin Minibus Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below 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/2004-2007  
GIRARDIN/MB IV/2004-2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-574      **Mfg's Report Date:** November 30, 2007

**Components:**  
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 640

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MY 2004 THROUGH 2008 GIRARDIN MB II AND MB IV SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL MINIBUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN APRIL 14, 2004, AND NOVEMBER 28, 2007, BUILT ON FORD E350 AND E450 DIESEL CHASSIS. THE AFFECTED BUSES ARE EQUIPPED WITH OPTION BBX (BATTERY BOX). THE PROTECTION FROM ABRASION ON THE BATTERY CABLES THAT CROSS IN THE BATTERY BOX IS INADEQUATE. IT MAY CREATE A SHORT CIRCUIT IN CASE THE ABRASION BETWEEN THE CABLES IS EXCESSIVE.

**Consequence:**

THIS SHORT CIRCUIT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

GIRARDIN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES BY ADDING PROTECTIVE TUBES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 7, 2008. OWNERS CAN CONTACT GIRARDIN AT 819-477-8222.

**Notes:**

GIRARDIN RECALL NO. 07-019-BXU. 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).

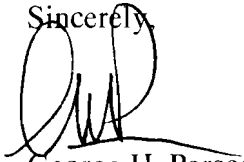
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. 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 [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement