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May 18th, 2007

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 has decided that certain MY 2006 and 2007 MB II, MB IV, and G5 model school and commercial buses manufactured between March and December 2006 and equipped with Ricon 2000 and 5500 series platform lifts fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles."

Our records show that you own a vehicle concerned by this recall.

What the safety Issue is:

The potential non-compliance is the result of the inner barrier interlock switch system in the lift base plate not detecting the presence of a passenger (either wheelchair or standee) on the inner barrier and allowing the platform to move down more than one inch below floor level while occupied. In the event of a malfunction, a wheelchair passenger could be flipped backward onto the platform from the bus floor, or a standee on the platform could lose his or her balance and fall or trip. Either condition could cause personal injury.

What we are asking you to do:

Please examine the serial number of the lift in your vehicle and compare it to those numbers enclosed with this notice. If the serial number of the lift on your vehicle is one listed, please contact Ricon toll-free at 1-800-322-2884 for guidance on how to correct the non-compliance.



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What Ricon Corporation will do:

They will help you locate and correct the source of interference or other problems with the inner barrier interlock switch as quickly as possible. If you have employees that are already factory trained to perform this service, the repairs can be done at your location. If you do not have anyone to perform this service, Ricon will arrange for the repairs to be done at the nearest Ricon authorized service center /dealer. In some cases, they may have these repairs performed by Ricon Corp. personnel.

If the lift is inspected and /or repaired by an authorized Ricon dealer and it is not completed within 3 business days, please notify Ricon Customer Support at the toll free number listed above.

If you have had your vehicle repaired prior to receipt of this notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement if you incurred any out of pocket cost due to this matter. For further information, please contact us at the number listed above.

Should Ricon corporation fail or be unable to remedy the situation without charge, you may contact: Girardin Minibus Service and Warranty department at 819-477-8222 Ext: 401.

Should Girardin Minibus fail or be unable to remedy the situation without charge, you may contact:

Administrator,
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW,
Washington, D.C. 20590
Phone (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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 return to Girardin so we can update our records. Our fax number is 819-475-9633. 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.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in our efforts to keep our children safe.

Best regards,
Chantal Blanchette, Service & Warranty coordinator
Girardin Minibus, Inc.

Recall 07-016-RIU

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DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION UNLESS: You have changed name, moved or no longer own this vehicle.

Vehicle serial number: _____

- This vehicle was stolen.
- This vehicle was destroyed.
- I have changed name or moved (indicate new name/address):
- I no longer own the vehicle, it has been sold or traded to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SERIAL #	MODEL #
199394	S2005-F1020100A
200066	S2005-F1020100A
203571	S2005-F1020100A
203573	S2005-F1020100A
203939	S2005-F1020100A
196679	K5505-F1020000A
196684	K5505-F1020000A
196714	K5505-F1020100A
196715	K5505-F1020100A
196716	K5505-F1020100A
196717	K5505-F1020100A
196718	K5505-F1020100A
196782	K5505-F1020000A
196783	K5505-F1020000A
196784	K5505-F1020000A
196786	K5505-F1020000A
200051	K5505-F1020000A
200096	K5505-F1020100A
200099	K5505-F1020100A
202536	K5505-F1020100A
202538	K5505-F1020100A
202539	K5505-F1020100A
202540	K5505-F1020100A
202541	K5505-F1020100A
202542	K5505-F1020100A
202958	K5505-F1020100A
203112	K5505-F1020000A
203114	K5505-F1020100A
203675	K5505-F1020000A
203677	K5505-F1020000A
203733	K5505-F1020100A
203734	K5505-F1020100A
203735	K5505-F1020100A
203736	K5505-F1020100A
203737	K5505-F1020100A
203845	K5505-F1020100A
204932	K5505-F1020100A
204933	K5505-F1020100A
204935	K5505-F1020100A
204936	K5505-F1020100A