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**National Highway
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NVS-215kjs
08V-508

SUBJECT: BATTERY BOX BOLT

DEAR MS. FORTIN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Girardin Minibus, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described 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/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-508 **Mfg's Report Date:** October 1, 2008

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 39

Summary:
GIRARDIN IS RECALLING 39 MY 2008 MB II SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2008, EQUIPPED WITH THE OPTION BBX (BATTERY BOX). A LONG BOLT WAS INSTALLED ON THE POSITIVE BATTERY POST OF THE BATTERY LOCATED IN THE BATTERY BOX. THE BOLT COULD MAKE CONTACT WITH THE BATTERY DRAWER'S LATCH.

Consequence:

CONTACT BETWEEN THE LONG BOLT AND THE DRAWER'S LATCH MAY CREATE A SHORT CIRCUIT. THIS SHORT CIRCUIT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE OR EXPLOSION.

Remedy:

GIRARDIN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE A FREE REMEDY ALONG WITH REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 13, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GIRARDIN AT 1-819-477-8222 EXT. 401.

Notes:

GIRARDIN'S RECALL NO. 08-023-BBU. 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).

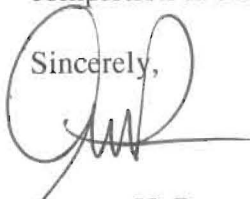
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR.

We have received Girardin's proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of 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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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