



September 18, 2008

RE: Safety Standard Non-compliance Recall Notification (#07-097)

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 2005 to 2008 MBII and G5 model school and commercial buses manufactured between June 2005 to December 2007 inclusive and equipped with Ricon "1200, 2000 and 5500" series platform lifts fails to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift System for Motor Vehicle".

Our records show that the lift, identified above, has been installed in your vehicle and is affected by this recall according to the information provided by Ricon Corporation.

What is being recalled:

This recall process applies to the "Anti Stow Interlock System" only on Ricon's "1200, 2000 and 5500" series platform lift labelled for "DOT Public Use" and "DOT Private Use". It does not apply to other Ricon Products.

What the safety Issue is:

The non-compliance with S6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 is the result of the Anti Stow Interlock System not detecting the presence of a wheelchair or mobility aid user. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations it may be possible for the lift platform to begin stowing while a wheelchair or mobility aid user is still occupying the area of the platform close to the pivot point of the platform. This situation could cause personal injury.

What we are asking you to do:

Please follow Ricon Corporation instructions enclosed.



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What Ricon Corporation will do:

Upon notification, Ricon will work with you to make the necessary adjustment to the pressure switch(es) on the lift(s). If you are already factory trained to perform service on Ricon Products, the adjustment can be done at your location (follow the procedure on the document attached). If you are not factory trained to perform service on Ricon Products, Ricon will arrange for the adjustment to be done at the nearest Ricon authorized service center/dealer.

The lift adjustment will be completed at no charge. Whether the repairs are done by yourself or an authorized Ricon dealer, Ricon will pay a reasonable labor charge for each adjustment. No parts are necessary to correct this noncompliance.

If the lift is retrofitted by an authorized Ricon dealer and it is not completed within 3 business days, please notify Ricon Customer Support at the toll free number 1 800 322-2884 or (818) 267-3000.

If, after contacting the authorized dealer and Ricon Customer Support, your inspection and/or repair is not completed in a reasonable time and without charge you may contact: Girardin Minibus at 819 477-2012 Ext: 428.

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


Associate Administrator for Enforcement Administrator,
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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.

We regret any inconvenience this action may caused you and we thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,


Valérie Fortin, Regulations and Standards Technician
Girardin Minibus Inc.

Recall 08-021-RIU

(NHTSA recall 08V-463)

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: _____



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The Best. }