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This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and *Motor Vehicle Safety Act*.

Girardin Minibus has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2008 and 2009 MBII and G5 school minibuses equipped with seat belts (options SBK2 and SBK3). Also, Girardin has decided that these same belts fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies". Our records show that you own the vehicle with the vehicle identification number shown above with your name & address.

What the safety issue is?

The seatbelt webbing may have been inserted into the tongue assembly incorrectly. An incorrectly assembled seat belt will not tighten around the occupant and will not offer restraint in the event of a crash possibly resulting in injury. Also, the manufacturer identification tag could be missing. Please see the attached picture for more details.

What should you do?

Inspect the seat belt as per the Inspection Criteria Guide. If the seat belt has not been laced correctly or if the tag identification is missing, the seat belt must be replaced.

What we are asking you to do...

Please contact Wade Johnson or Mike Mills at Beam's Industries, 6420 South Air Depot, Oklahoma City, OK 73135 or call (405) 793-0505 to get the replacement parts and procedure.

After you have done the repair, please return the reply sheet AND non-compliant seat belt to Beam's Industries. This will enable Beam's to update their file and mail you a check for the labor.

If you have inspected the seat belts and they do not need to be replaced, please fill out the enclosed reimbursement card (SECTION 2) telling us that inspection was done and no repair was necessary. Or you may call Girardin at 1 819 477-8222 to report that the inspection for your bus has been completed.

If you prefer, you can make an appointment with your dealer to have it done free of charge (parts & labor).

How long will it take?

Time required to inspect the seat belt is approximately 30 seconds per seat. If any seat belt or belts have to be replaced, time required to change the seat belt is approximately 15 minutes per seat. Owners will be reimbursed for reasonable labor charges.

If you've already paid for this service?

If you paid to have this service done before the date of this letter, Beam's is offering a refund. Please send your paid original receipt with a copy of this letter to Beam's Industries Inc.



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 fax 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.

If you require any further assistance, please call our after-sale service at 819-477-8222 extension 401. Please have your vehicle identification number ready for our representative when you call.

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

Associate Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave S.E., Washington, DC 20590
Phone: (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to
<http://www.safercar.gov>

We apologize for this situation and want to assure you that, with your assistance, we will correct this condition.

Best regards,

Valérie Fortin
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Girardin Minibus inc.



Recall 08-024-SBU

(NHTSA #08V-679 and 08V-691)

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: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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