



DATE: October 2008
TO: Girardin Minibus Distributors
SUBJECT: Recall # 08-023-BBU (NHTSA # 08V-508)
Battery bolt length
FROM: Valérie Fortin, Regulations and Standards Technician, Girardin Minibus

Please find enclosed a copy of the notification letter we will mail to our end users in the next days regarding Girardin Minibus recall # 08-023-BBU:

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 MBII school minibuses equipped with option BBX (battery box). Our records show that you own the vehicle with the vehicle identification number shown above with your name & address.

The safety issue is:

A long bolt (1.25 in.) should have been installed on the positive battery post located in the battery box. If this situation exist, the contact between the long bolt and the drawer's latch may create a short circuit. This short circuit could result in a fire.

What we are asking you to do:

Measure the bolt's length installed on the positive battery post. If the bolt protrudes 0.875 inch long from the battery no modification is necessary. If the bolt protrudes 1.25 inches long from the battery, remove the long bolt and the spacer and install a short bolt with no spacer while making sure the terminal is seated flat on the battery connector.

You will find enclosed the service bulletin & the required parts to perform the recall. After you have done the repair, please return the reply sheet to Girardin Minibus. This will enable us to update our file and mail you a check for the labor.

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 remove the long bolt and replace it by a short one is approximately 12 minutes.

A list of the involved vehicles is enclosed. If some have been sold & are not registered yet, please register them as soon as possible.

Distributors are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to have their units in inventory modified/repared before delivering to the final owner.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (819) 477-2012 extension 428. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.