



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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09V-320

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SUBJECT: SEATS/FMVSS 207 AND 210

DEAR MS. FORTIN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Girardin Minibus Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) No. 207, "Seating System" and FMVSS No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/G5/2007-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 09V-320

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 5, 2009

**Components:** SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** To be provided

**Summary:**

GIRARDIN MINIBUS IS RECALLING MODEL YEAR 2007-2009 G5 CUTAWAY MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLES (MPV'S) BUILT ON FORD AND GM CHASSIS FOR FAILING TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS (FMVSS) NO. 207, "SEATING SYSTEM" AND FMVSS NO. 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY." THE SECTION OF THE FLOOR ON WHICH THE SEAT IS INSTALLED TEARS WHEN THE LOADS REQUIRED BY FMVSS 207 AND 210 ARE APPLIED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SEAT AND SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY MAY NOT RESTRAIN THE OCCUPANT AS INTENDED, THEREBY INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY OR DEATH TO A VEHICLE OCCUPANT.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSTALL AND REPAIR THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GIRARDIN MINIBUS AT 819-477-2012.

**Notes:**

GIRARDIN MINIBUS RECALL NO. 09-032-MPU. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

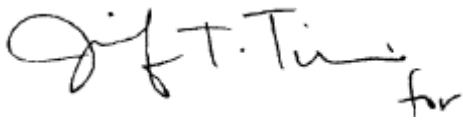
Please provide us with the quantity of vehicles involved for this recall.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. H. Person" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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