



DATE: August 2009

TO: Girardin Minibus Distributors

SUBJECT: Recall # 09-029-SAU (NHTSA #09V-315)  
Defective Stop Arm

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 # 09-029-SAU:

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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 certain 2008 model year G5 and MBII school minibuses equipped with a stop arm option S2G. Our records show that you own the vehicle (s) with the vehicle identification number shown above (or on the reply sheet).

**The safety issue is:** A change to the wire used in the light kits may reduce the effective life of the lights used on the stop arms. The lights may stop functioning without warning. Should the led lights stop functioning, visibility of a stopped bus would be decreased, thereby increasing the risk of a passing vehicle striking a child or other passenger when entering or exiting the school bus.

**What we are asking you to do:** Verify the stop arm manufacturing date code as per the Service Bulletin enclosed. If the date is between March 31, 2008, and December 18, 2008, a service kit must be ordered.

If a service kit is required, please contact Specialty Manufacturing Inc.'s (SMI) Warranty Service using one of the three methods outlined in the Service Bulletin.

After you have done the repair, please return the reply sheet to Girardin. This will enable us to update our file.

If you have verified that the stop arm is not one to which this recall applies, please fill out the enclosed reply sheet (SECTION 2) telling us that verification was done and no replacement was necessary.

If you prefer, you can make an appointment with your dealer to have your school bus inspected and repaired free of charge (parts & labor).

**How long will it take:** Time required to install the replacement light kit is approximately 15 minutes. You will be reimbursed for reasonable labor charges by SMI. Please following the instructions in Service Bulletin enclosed for submitting a claim to SMI.

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

Dealers are required to have their units in inventory modified/repaired 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.