



DATE: September 2009

TO: Girardin Minibus Distributors

SUBJECT: Recall # 09-032-MPU (NHTSA 09V-320)
MPV seats

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 # 09-032-MPU:

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 2007 through 2009 G5 Multipurpose passenger vehicle equipped with Freedman passenger' seat with seat belts. 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:

The Freedman passenger' seats equipped with seat belts and installed in a Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle (vehicle with a capacity of less than 11 passengers including the driver) fails to comply with the strength requirements of FMVSS 207 and 210. In the event of a crash, the seat and seatbelt assembly may not restrain the occupant as intended and it could result in injury to the occupant or death.

What we are asking you to do:

Replace the under floor steel plate used under the seat's retaining nuts with a larger unit as per the Service Bulletin enclosed.

Please contact Chantal Blanchette at Girardin's Service and Warranty, at 819 477-2012 ext. 401 or chantal.blanchette@girardin.com to get the replacement parts.

After you have done the repair, please return the reply sheet to Girardin. This will enable us to update our file and mail you a check for the labour.

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

How long will it take:

Time required to do the repair is approximately 20 minutes per seat. Owners will be reimbursed for reasonable labor charges.

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/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.