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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).

What 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 should you 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.

What we are asking you to do...

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.

If you've already paid for this service?

If you paid to have this service done before the date of this letter, Girardin will reimburse your costs. Please send your paid original receipt with a copy of this letter to Girardin.

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 819-4777-2012 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 09-029-SAU

(NHTSA #09V-315)

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: _____



09-029-SAU
Stop Arm

US CUSTOMER

Important : *This form must be completed by owner and returned to Girardin Minibus for follow-up.*

SECTION 1

Minibus Body No : _____

VIN : _____

Customer name & address: _____

SECTION 2

This section must be completed when repairs are done. Check one of the following:

Repair done by owner

Repair done by Girardin Distributor

Repair done by other

Vehicle not subject to recall

Date : _____

Mileage : _____

Signature : _____



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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

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