



DATE: July 2009

TO: Girardin Minibus Distributors

SUBJECT: Recall # 09-026-BAU (NHTSA #09V-241)
Non compliant barrier

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 # 09-026-BAU:

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 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 G5 school minibuses equipped with left handed wall mounted low back barriers 30", 34" and 39" wide. Our records show that you own the vehicle (s) with the vehicle identification number shown above (or on the reply sheet) with your name & address.

The safety issue is: The above described barrier fails to comply with the performance forward as per FMVSS 222. Vehicle occupants could suffer injuries in the event of a vehicle crash.

What we are asking you to do: Inspect the barrier as per the Service bulletin enclosed. If the barrier is a noncompliant one, it must be replaced.

Please contact Jennie Boyle at C.E. White Company, 417 N. Kibler Street, New Washington, OH 44854 or call (239) 218-7078 to get the replacement parts.

After you have done the repair, please return the reply sheet to C.E. White Company. This will enable C.E. White to update their file and mail you a check for the labor.

If you have inspected the barriers and it does not need to be replaced, please fill out the enclosed reply sheet (SECTION 2) telling us that inspection was done and no replacement was necessary.

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 change the barrier is approximately 22 minutes per barrier. 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.