



SERVICE BULLETIN

OBJET: Barrières basses dans les autobus scolaires Girardin

Distribution: Clients finaux de Girardin Minibus

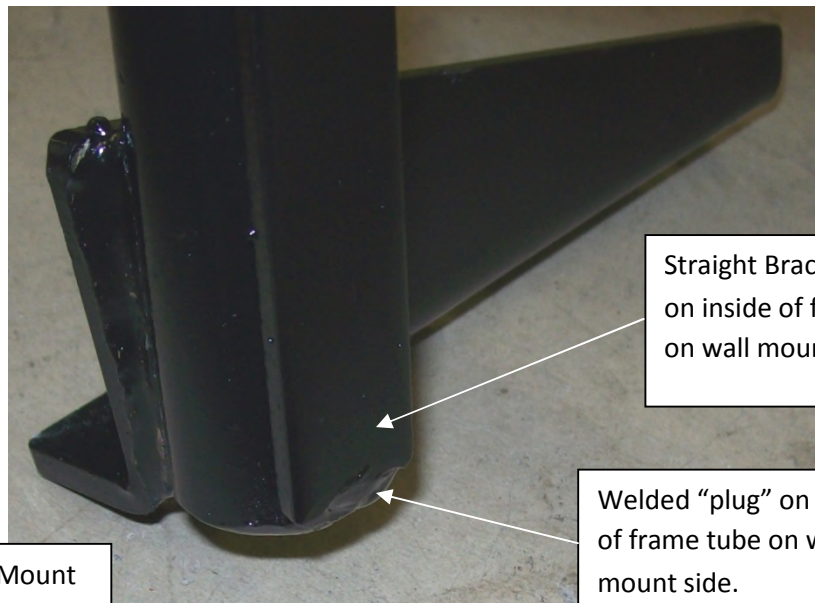
Date: 30/06/09

Notification has been received as a result of NHTSA testing that the low back barriers installed in buses will not pass FMVSS 222 Forward push test requirements.

C.E. White barriers, shipped to Girardin between 1/23/07 and 6/23/09 are the products suspect. These barriers are of widths 21", 30", 34" and 39".

TO INSPECT YOUR PRODUCT: Product affected will appear as noted below. The frame structure of the barrier will include a straight bracket welded to the inside of the frame tube on the wall mount side of the frame.

Noncompliant Frame Structure



Front Edge of Wall Mount
and Front Facing Frame

Straight Bracket welded
on inside of frame tube
on wall mount side.

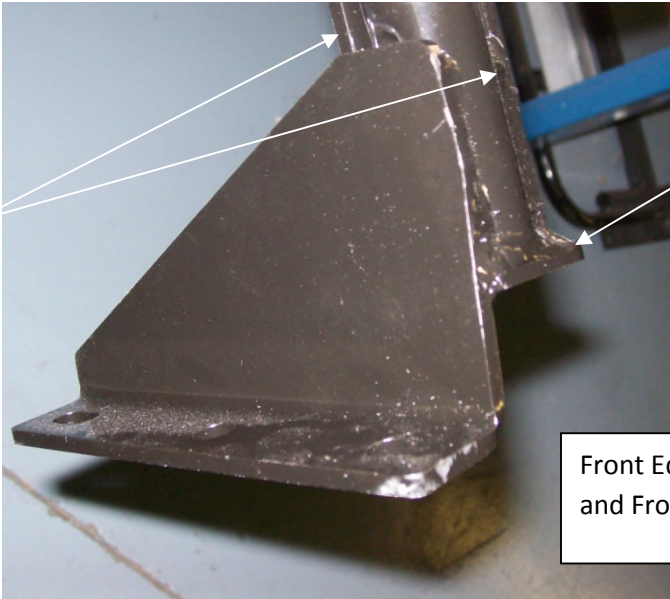
Welded "plug" on bottom
of frame tube on wall
mount side.



TO CORRET THIS ISSUE: C.E. White will replace the noncompliant barrier frames with a modified frame that will include a “L” bracket welded to two sides of the frame on the wall mount side of the frame and a square cap on the bottom of the frame tube.

Modified Frame Structure

“L” Bracket welded to inside and back side of frame tube on wall mount side



Square “cap” welded to bottom of tube on wall mount side.

Front Edge of Wall Mount and Front Facing Frame

TO CORRECT THIS ISSUE: If you detect a noncompliant barrier in your bus, contact the C.E. White Company per the contact information below. C.E. White Company will provide replacement frames and, in most cases, the labor to remove, repair and reinstall the barrier. In cases where labor cannot be provided by C.E. White, labor reimbursement will be provided.

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REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE

1. Remove (uninstall) the barrier from the bus by removing floor and wall mount hardware.
2. Set the barrier upside down on a clean, clear surface.
3. Remove the staples from the bottom of the barrier cover.
4. Turn barrier up right.
5. Remove the cover and foam from the barrier frame- note the front of the cover and foam..
6. Set replacement barrier upright.
7. Install foam and upholstery cover on frame
8. Staple bottom of cover to tack strip.
9. Reinstall barrier assembly per manufacturer instructions.