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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports[1]

On February 15, 2010, Corp. Micro Bird **decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety) exits in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.**

Date this report was prepared: February 15, 2010

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 10-035-SEU

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Corp. Micro Bird Inc.

3000, rue Girardin

Drummondville (Québec) J2E 0A1

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Valérie Fortin

Regulations and Standards Technician

Telephone Number: 819 477-2012 ext. 428 **Fax No.:** 819 477-1848

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Valérie Fortin

Regulations and Standards Technician

Signed: _____

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[1] Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, *for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide*:

Make(s): Girardin and Micro Bird by Girardin **Model Years Involved**: 2006 through 2010

Model(s): G5 school bus

Production Dates: **Beginning**: June 1, 2006 **Ending**: February 15 , 2010

VIN Range: **Beginning**: ---------- **Ending**: ----------

Vehicle Type: Ford and GM Cutaway **Bodystyle**: minibuses

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

The vehicles are equipped with 39 or 45 in. CE White seats installed with only one leg on the aisle. Seats mounted with track are not targeted by this recall.

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Year	Model
	G5
2006	
2007	
2008	
2009	
Total	

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

All G5 school buses (this model is in production since 2006) constructed by Girardin and equipped with 39 or 45 in. CE White seats mounted with only one seat leg and not mounted on track.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The 39 and 45 in. CE White seats failed to comply with the requirements of FMVSS 222 seat performance rearward.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

In the event of a crash, the seat may not absorb sufficient energy to restrain the occupant as intended and it could result in injury to the occupant or death.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

None

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

CE White

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

2009/08/06	First notice by NHTSA regarding a FMVSS 222 seat performance rearward fail.
2009/08/24	Reception of the PE letter PE-222-090820A
2009/10/09	Answer by Girardin to the PE letter PE-222-090820A
	Based on the Girardin rapport, a new test is requested to NHTSA.
2009/12/15	Second notices regarding to a second fail.
2010/01/04	Reception of the PE letter PE-222-090820A1
2010/01/07	Answer by Girardin to the PE letter PE-200-090820A1
2010/01/13	Action plan requested by NHTSA to Girardin
2010/01/18	Action plan supplied to NHTSA by Girardin
	H point discrepancies related by C.E.White to NHTSA
2010/02/03	Third notices received PE-222-090820A2
2010/02/08	Answer by Girardin to the PE letter PE-222-090820A2
2010/02/16	Request by NHTSA (via a phone call) that Girardin fill the 573 document.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. ***A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.***

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.