



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS TECHNICIAN  
CORP. MICRO BIRD, INC.  
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NVS-215kjs  
11V-271

SUBJECT: MISSING VISIBLE TELLTALE/FMVSS 206

DEAR MS. FORTIN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Corp. Micro Bird, Inc.'s (Micro Bird) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 206, "Door Locks and Retention Components," for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
MICRO BIRD/MB II/2010-2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-271      **Mfg's Report Date:** May 4, 2011

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: INSTRUMENT PANEL  
EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 9

**Summary:**

MICRO BIRD IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 MICRO BIRD MB II MULTIPURPOSE VANS MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 13, 2010, THROUGH MARCH 22, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH A WHEELCHAIR LIFT PLATFORM AT THE RIGHT REAR DOOR. THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT DOOR IS NOT LINKED TO AN ALARM VISIBLE TO THE DRIVER WHICH WOULD ACTIVATE WHEN THE DOOR IS NOT FULLY CLOSED. THESE VANS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 206, "DOOR LOCKS AND DOOR RETENTION COMPONENTS."

**Consequence:**

THE DRIVER COULD MOVE THE VEHICLE UNAWARE THAT THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT DOOR IS NOT FULLY CLOSED. THE DOOR COULD BECOME FULLY OPEN WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN OPERATION AND THIS SITUATION MAY CAUSE INJURY TO NEARBY PEDESTRIANS OR DAMAGES TO OTHER VEHICLES.

**Remedy:**

MICRO BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A GREEN TELLTALE IN THE CONTROL PANEL THAT WILL ILLUMINATE WHEN THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT DOOR IS NOT FULLY CLOSED. THE REPAIR WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN BY MID JUNE 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MICRO BIRD AT 1-819-477-2012.

**Notes:**

MICRO BIRD'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 11-043-LDU. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.


Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement