



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS TECHNICIAN  
CORP. MICRO BIRD, INC.  
3000, RUE GIRARDIN  
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NVS-215kjs  
11V-414

**SUBJECT: 8-WAY FLASHING LIGHT WIRING HARNESS/OVERHEATS**

**DEAR MS. FORTIN:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Micro Bird's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/G5/2010-2011  
MICRO BIRD/MB II/2010-2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-414      **Mfg's Report Date:** August 12, 2011

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 671

**Summary:**

MICRO BIRD IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 MICRO BIRD G5 AND MB II SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2009, THROUGH MARCH 16, 2011. THE WIRE ON THE 8-WAY FLASHING LIGHT POWER CIRCUIT IS TOO SMALL CAUSING THE TERMINAL CONNECTION TO OVERHEAT. IF THE CONNECTION FAILS, THE 8- WAY SYSTEM WILL STOP WORKING.

**Consequence:**

IN ABSENCE OF THE FLASHING LIGHTS, A VEHICLE APPROACHING A SCHOOL BUS THAT IS LOADING OR UNLOADING STUDENTS, MAY NOT STOP. THIS SITUATION COULD CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH OF A PASSENGER.

**Remedy:**

MICRO BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND PROVIDE AN UPRATED WIRING KIT WITH A RELAY, FREE OF CHARGE. MICRO BIRD WILL REIMBURSE FOR LABOR. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MICRO BIRD AT 1-819-477-2012.

**Notes:**

MICRO BIRD'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 11-046-8WU. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-423 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please 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. Therefore, 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, or 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 successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "W".

Ric Willard  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement