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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
11V-597

SUBJECT: FMVSS 225 LOWER CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGES

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 noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) Number 225, "Child Restraint Anchorage Systems," 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/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-597 **Mfg's Report Date:** December 22, 2011

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 48

Summary:

MICRO BIRD IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 MB II SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM AUGUST 16, 2011, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2011. DURING PRODUCTION, THE 2 SETS OF LOWER ANCHORAGES WHICH ARE USED TO RESTRAIN A PORTABLE CHILD SEAT, WERE NOT INSTALLED. ACCORDINGLY, THE BUSES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 225, "CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEMS."

Consequence:

IF A PORTABLE CHILD RESTRAINT IS INSTALLED IN THE VEHICLE, IT WILL ONLY BE SECURED BY THE SEAT BELT INSTEAD OF THE SEAT BELT AND THE LOWER ANCHORAGES. IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, A CHILD NOT SUFFICIENTLY RESTRAINED COULD BE INJURED.

Remedy:

MICRO BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE MISSING LOWER ANCHORAGES, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MICRO BIRD AT 1-819-477-2012.

Notes:

MICRO BIRD'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 11-050-LAU. 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 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, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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