



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

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Ms. NADIA JAMES  
STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS TECHNICIAN  
CORP. MICRO BIRD, INC.  
3000 GIRARDIN STREET  
DRUMMONDVILLE, QUEBEC, 00 J2E 0A1

NVS-215KS  
12V-362

**Subject:** BUS ROOF ESCAPE HATCH/FMVSS 217

Dear Ms. JAMES:

This letter serves to acknowledge CORP. MICRO BIRD, INC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/G5/2011-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 24, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-362

**Components:**  
STRUCTURE:BODY:ROOF AND PILLARS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 11

**Problem Description:**

Corp. Micro Bird, Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain model year 2011 and 2012 Micro Bird G5 school buses manufactured from April 1, 2011, through June 26, 2012, equipped with ProLo roof escape hatches made by Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated. Increased friction between the rear plate assemblies, p/no. 009327, and the nylon rear pop-up support, p/no. 008956, may result in an opening force of the ProLo roof hatches that exceeds Federal standard requirements. Thus, these hatches fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 217, "Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release."

**Consequence:**

In the event of an emergency, egress of the bus may be hindered possibly resulting in injury to the vehicle occupants.

**Remedy:**

Micro Bird will notify owners. Specialty Manufacturing, Inc.(SMI) will provide service kits along with repair instructions to dealers and owners, free of charge. The safety recall will begin in early August 2012. Owners may contact Micro Bird at 1-819-477-2012 or SMI at 1-800-951-7867.

**Notes:**

This is Micro Bird recall number 12-053-RHU. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Micro Bird's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (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.

Sincerely,

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

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