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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports[1]

On April 2nd 2012, Corp. Micro Bird inc. decided that a noncompliance which relates to motor vehicle safety exists 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: April 5, 2012

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 12-052-BRU

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.

Corporation Micro Bird Inc.

(agent) Kathleen Gaines, 4701 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, USA

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

François Lafond, Product Engineering Director

Telephone Number: 819 477-2012 ext. 463 **Fax No.:** 819 477-1848

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Valérie Fortin

Regulations and Standards Technician

Signed:

[1] Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, 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 Ms. Jennifer Timian at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

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): Micro Bird **Model Years Involved**: **Model(s)**: G5

Production Dates: **Beginning**: April 7, 2008 **Ending**: September 24, 2010

VIN Range: **Beginning**: : _____ **Ending**: _____

Vehicle Type: bus **Bodystyle**: G5

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:
Vehicles equipped with a Braun lift platform model Century-2 (NCL-2) or Vista-2 (NVL-2).

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.

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
G5	2008	1
G5	2009	5
G5	2010	7

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 13

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: about 0,5 %

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 vehicles equipped with a Braun lift platform model Vista-2 or Century-2 are recalled.

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 location of the defect is the outboard end of the wheelchair lift platform, specifically at the outer barrier. The defect manifests itself when the roll stop latches are no longer capable of restraining the roll stop to prevent wheelchair passengers from defeating or riding over the roll stop.

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

Ill maintenance related to damaged part replacement, or product misuse through high energy wheelchair/scooter impacts.

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

The consequence of the defect is that the roll stop and latch parts may not operate properly or may become bent or misaligned through impact or continued use, and a wheelchair occupant may defeat or ride over the insufficiently latched roll stop. If this occurs when the lift platform is in an elevated position, the wheelchair/passenger may fall to the ground to the ground and sustain injury.

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

During a pre or post-trip lift inspection, or before boarding the lift platform, a lift attendant or wheelchair occupant may observe the outer roll stop in an unlatched condition when the lift platform is deployed from its stowed position or raised off the ground.

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

Braun Corporation
631 W. 11th strret
Winamac, IN 46996
USA

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:
Barry E. Wolf, Director of Risk Management

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.
On April 1st, we receive an email from Braun Corp. notifying us that some Braun recalled lift platforms have been installed on Micro Bird's vehicle.

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.
N/A

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.

Repair will be done by Braun's dealer free of charge.

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.

Recalled condition: roll stop and latch not operating properly, bent roll stop

Remedy condition: not yet determined

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

The remedy component has a difference in material gage and an additional latch bracket securement point.

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.

Braun corrected the recalled condition on August 24, 2010. Since that period, all Braun lift platforms installed in our vehicle are equipped with a redesigned roll stop brackets.

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.

All dealers and end users will be notified by the end of April.

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) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.***

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