



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

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Mr. Francois Lafond
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NVS-215KS
13V-406

Subject: Panel Glue/FMVSS 221

Dear Mr. Lafond:

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/G5/2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 6, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-406

Components:
STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14

Problem Description:

Corporation Micro Bird, Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain model year 2013 G5 school buses manufactured from April 29, 2013, through July 4, 2013. The joint in the metal ceiling panel may not have been glued properly, thus the buses fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength."

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, the metal ceiling panel may separate from the interior compartment structure, increasing the risk of injury to a passenger.

Remedy:

Micro Bird will notify owners, and dealers will affix the ceiling panels with rivets and glue, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by September 27, 2013. Owners may contact Micro Bird at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this campaign is 13-054-JTU.

Notes:

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.

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 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 or through the office email at 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 the first name being the most prominent.

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