

**Recall 15-064-TUS Transpec Stop Arm
NHTSA 15V886**



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

January 2016

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*.

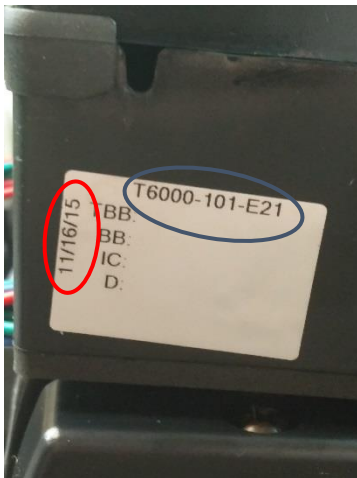
Micro Bird has decided that certain model year 2015 and 2016 MBII and G5 school buses, built on Ford and GM chassis, equipped with a Transpec Stop Arm, installed on vehicles manufactured between May 1, 2015 and December 18, 2015, fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 131, "School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices." Our records show that you own and/or sold the vehicle(s) with the vehicle identification number shown on the attached list.

What is the safety issue?

SMI has determined that, due to a process deficiency, the STOP decals on Transpec stop arms (part numbers T6000-, T6100-, T7000-) may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 standards. Without a reflective decal, the stop arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Identifying Suspect Parts

Check the label on the bottom of the Transpec stop arm (circled below in red) for dates May 1, 2015 through October 19, 2015. Stop Arms built within this date range are subject to the replacement campaign.



Availability of Service Kits

Service kits will be expedited and may be obtained by method outlined below:

E-mail: Fill out the attached form and send it by e-mail to SMI at warranty@smiglobal.net **and** to Micro Bird Corp. at natalie.reason@microbird.com.

Transpec stop arm service kits will be sent to you upon request and will include complete instructions on the removal and reinstallation of the defective components. Removal and reinstallation of each Transpec blade can be accomplished in **15 minutes**, for which SMI will reimburse installers **\$30.00** for each remedied stop arm.

If you have had your vehicle repaired prior to receipt of this notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement if you incurred any out of pocket cost due to this matter. For further information, please contact us at the email listed above.

Federal law requires any lessor who receives a notification of a determination of a safety-related defect or noncompliance pertaining to any leased motor vehicle shall send the notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your Transpec Stop Arm remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this action may have caused you and we thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,



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DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION UNLESS: You have changed name, moved or no longer own this vehicle.

Vehicle serial number: _____

- This vehicle was stolen.
- This vehicle was destroyed.
- I have changed name or moved (indicate new name/address):
- I no longer own the vehicle, it has been sold or traded to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____