



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Catherine Nadeau
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NEF-150KS
16V-886

Subject: Bus can be Driven with Wheelchair Lift Deployed

Dear Ms. Nadeau:

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/T-SERIES/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: December 7, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-886

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 T-Series school buses manufactured August 24, 2015, to November 30, 2016. The affected vehicles have a battery-powered wheelchair lift with an interlock that can be deactivated by the operator, allowing the vehicle to be driven with the lift door open or while the lift platform is deployed.

Consequence:

Driving the bus with the lift platform deployed or with the door open can result in injury to those nearby or increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Micro Bird will notify owners, and will provide a field modification to remedy this recall, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2017. Owners may contact Micro Bird customer service at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 16-067-IUS.

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.

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:

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,



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