



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

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NEF-150KS
17V-558

Subject: Seat Belt Mounting Studs have Inadequate Padding

Dear Ms. Gagnon:

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/G5/2016

Mfr's Report Date: September 8, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-558

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 25

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2016 G5 school buses, equipped with CE White QS11 Series Convertible School Bus Seats. These seats were manufactured with integral D-Ring mounting studs that may have inadequate padding between the occupant and the D-ring mounting stud.

Consequence:

In the event of a rear end collision, the seat occupant's head may contact the D-ring mounting stud, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Micro Bird will notify owners, and the seat manufacturer will provide a remedy kit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 2, 2017. Owners may contact the seat manufacturer at 1-419-492-2157 extension 243 or Micro Bird customer service at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 17-071-CUS.

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
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement