



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

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Ms. Marie Claude Gagnon
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Corp. Micro Bird Inc.
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NEF-150KS
17V-798

Subject: Roof May Not Meet Rollover Requirements/FMVSS 220

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/G5/2006-2017

Mfr's Report Date: December 12, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-798

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:ROOF AND PILLARS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 300

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2006-2017 G5 school buses with an unloaded weight more than 10,013 pounds. In a rollover, the roof may crush excessively. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 220, "School Bus Rollover Protection."

Consequence:

If roof crushes more than the rollover standards allow for the weight and configuration of the bus, the occupants have a greater risk of injury in the event of a rollover crash.

Remedy:

Micro Bird will notify owners, and dealers will modify the buses to prevent the roof from crushing excessively in a rollover, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 29, 2018. For more information, owners may contact Micro Bird at 1-819-475-9633. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 17-072-GUS.

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.

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).

The information in your report suggests that Micro Bird may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Please amend the chronology in your report to provide the date(s) of your second test and any other important events that explain the gap between the first test in May 2017 and your Filing in December 2017.

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