



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-150MR
18V-474

Subject: Knee Impact Area Foam Insufficient/FMVSS 222

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/G5/2011-2018
MICRO BIRD/MB II/2011-2018
MICRO BIRD/T-SERIES/2011-2018

Mfr's Report Date: July 18, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-474

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,241

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2011-2018 Micro Bird G5, MB-II, and T-series school buses, equipped with CE White/HSM SB11-30" series, standard, unbelted, school bus seats, or SB11-30" series school bus seats with lap belts only. The foam in the knee impact area of the lower seat back may not absorb enough impact in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

If the seat foam does not absorb enough impact energy, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Micro Bird has not yet finalized their remedy plan. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Micro Bird customer service at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 18-074-SUS.

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 file an amendment to provide your remedy plan once it has been determined.

We have received Micro Bird's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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 provide a chronology to explain the events that lead to this recall filing.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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