



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

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NEF-150MR
20V-005

Subject: Oversized Breaker may Allow Wires to Melt

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/T-SERIES/2015-2019

Mfr's Report Date: January 6, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-005

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:FUSES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,863

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2015-2019 T-Series school buses. The 150A circuit breaker located under the driver's seat may be oversized and may not open fast enough to power off the electrical panel supply, which can lead to overheating of the wires.

Consequence:

If the wires overheat, there is an increased risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Micro Bird will notify owners and dealers will replace the breaker, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 31, 2020. Owners may contact Micro Bird customer service at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 19-083-BUS.

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.

No vehicle type description was given in this filing. We have assumed these are school buses. Please correct the filing as necessary.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- When a vehicle crash is not the potential occurrence, the evaluation must a safety risk that can result from the defect or noncompliance, and a description of whatever prior warning may occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(2)).

- Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13 of this part. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA under this section. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

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 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement