



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

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NEF-107MR
22V-280

Subject: Insufficiently Attached Seats/FMVSS 207 & 210

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/MB II/2018-2020

Mfr's Report Date: April 27, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-280

Components:
SEATS:CRITICAL FASTENERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 457

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird, Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2018-2020 MBII school buses. The GenQ seats equipped with Type 2 seat belts may have been attached with insufficient hardware. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard numbers 207, "Seating Systems", and 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

An insufficiently attached seat may detach during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

No remedy has been established at this time. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on June 6, 2022. Owners may contact Micro Bird's customer service at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 22-091-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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the GenQ seats and hardware. If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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. 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. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). 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.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

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.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Corp. Micro Bird, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement