Part 573 Safety Recall Report 22V-286

Manufacturer Name : Corp. Micro Bird, Inc.
Submission Date : MAY 05, 2022
NHTSA Recall No. : 22V-286
Manufacturer Recall No. : 22-092-HUC

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Corp. Micro Bird, Inc.
Address : 3000, Rue Girardin
Drumondville, Quebec 00 J2E 0A1
Company phone : 819-477-2012

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 156
Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2006-2021 Micro Bird MBII
Vehicle Type :
Body Style :
Power Train : NR
Descriptive Information : Unused harness in vehicles built on GM chassis may become frayed
Production Dates : JAN 01, 2006 - NOV 30, 2016
VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR ☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2006-2021 Micro Bird G5
Vehicle Type :
Body Style :
Power Train : NR
Descriptive Information : Unused harness in vehicles built on GM chassis may become frayed.
Production Dates : AUG 01, 2006 - APR 30, 2021
VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR ☐ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : A harness situated near the B-pilar and provided by GM in their chassis, remains unused when the final vehicle is completed. During manufacture, this harness is secured in an opening in the B-pilar. Some edges around and inside the opening may be sharp and the harness may be damaged and become frayed.
FMVSS 1 : NR
FMVSS 2 : NR
Description of the Safety Risk : If the harness becomes frayed while the cables forming the harness are still connected, a short-circuit may occur, increasing the risk of fire in the vehicle.

Description of the Cause :	NR
Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :	NR

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 :	Electrical harness
Component Description :	NR
Component Part Number :	NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name :	NR
Address :	NR
	NR
Country :	NR

Chronology :

While investigating the cause of an incident where smoke emitting from the B pillar was observed in a parked and empty MY2014 bus built on a GM chassis, in August 2021, a harness installed by GM in their chassis that remains unused after completion of our vehicles was identified as possibly implicated. No claim was submitted to Micro Bird in regard with that incident. Without waiting for the conclusion, as a pre-emptive measure, we decided in December 2021 to apply a new method to secure harness and to remove the fuse linked to the main cable of the harness on the production line for all vehicles built on GM chassis.

Even though independent investigation had concluded that the causes were not related to Micro Bird, rather pointing to the fact that the final user had installed an A/C system and strobe light after delivery, we decided to review a previous incident where a MY2016 bus, also built on a GM chassis, had caught fire in Augusta, ME in April 2018. This incident had also occurred while the bus was in a parking lot. No claim was submitted to Micro Bird in regard with that incident.

On April 21st 2022, it was decided to make the new method to secure the harness permanent and to recall the vehicles built on a GM chassis having the identified harness.

We have received no claim regarding thermal incident or fire, nor any other such incident has been reported

for vehicles built on GM chassis. The reported incidents have not caused any injury or death.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Micro Bird Corporation will provide parts and instructions on how to inspect and secure the unused harness as well as remove the fuse linked to the main cable of the unused harness, at no charge. It will be the responsibility of the bus owners to contact a Micro Bird dealer to have their vehicle(s) corrected.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	NR
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	Micro Bird will notify Micro Bird dealers by email and written notification will be sent to the recalled vehicles owners
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	MAY 30, 2022 - JUN 10, 2022
Planned Owner Notification Date :	JUN 13, 2022 - JUN 24, 2022

* NR - Not Reported