



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Marie Claude Gagnon  
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Corp. Micro Bird Inc.  
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NEF-150MR  
18V-516

**Subject:** Incorrectly Installed Seat Belt Anchorage Plate

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/G5/2015-2018  
MICRO BIRD/MB II/2015-2018  
MICRO BIRD/T-SERIES/2015-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 6, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-516

**Components:**

SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 155

**Problem Description:**

Corp. Micro Bird Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2015-2018 Micro Bird G5, MB II, and T-Series school buses. During manufacturing, the seat belt anchorage plate may not have been correctly attached to the wall, limiting the capacity of the shoulder belt to restrain a passenger in the event of a crash.

**Consequence:**

If the belt anchorage plate detaches from the wall and cannot properly restrain a passenger it can increase the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

The remedy for this recall is still under development. 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 18-075-CUS.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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 update your recall filing with Micro Bird's remedy plan once it has been determined.

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.


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

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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,



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