



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

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Ms. Marie Claude Gagnon
Prod. Cert. & Spec. Specialist
Corp. Micro Bird Inc.
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Drummondville 001

NEF-150MR
20V-610

Subject: Propane Module May Short Circuit

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/2019

Mfr's Report Date: October 2, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-610

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 52

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2019 MBII propane-powered buses. Following the relocation of the propane conversion controller grounding wire, after deactivation of the main battery cut-off switch, the propane module may fail, preventing the engine from starting or causing a short-circuit.

Consequence:

A short circuit can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Micro Bird will notify owners and dealers will relocate the ground, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 23, 2020. Owners may contact Micro Bird customer service at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 20-085-PUS.

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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

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.

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

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).

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