



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Marie Claude Gagnon
Prod. Cert.& Spec. Specialist
Corp. Micro Bird, Inc.
3000 Girardin
Drummondville 001

NEF-107MR
22V-826

Subject: School Bus Rub Rails Incorrectly Attached

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/G5/2021-2023
MICRO BIRD/MB II/2022-2023
MICRO BIRD/T-SERIES/2022

Mfr's Report Date: November 3, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-826

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 777

Problem Description:

Corp. Micro Bird, Inc. (Micro Bird) is recalling certain 2021-2023 G5, 2022-2023 MBII, and 2022 T-Series school buses. The seat-level rub rails may be incorrectly attached to the side of the bus.

Consequence:

Incorrectly attached rub rails may not offer adequate protection against an impact, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Once the remedy has been finalized, Micro Bird will provide instructions and parts, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed December 19, 2022. Owners may contact Micro Bird customer service at 1-819-477-2012. Micro Bird's number for this recall is 22-098-RUS.

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.

We have received Micro Bird's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.



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.

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 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