

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22V-826

Manufacturer Name : Corp. Micro Bird, Inc.

Submission Date : MAR 29, 2023

NHTSA Recall No. : 22V-826

Manufacturer Recall No. : 22-098-RUS



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 : 777

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2021-2023 Micro Bird G5

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : In certain vehicles, the seat-level rub rails may be attached incorrectly and may not sufficiently protect the passengers

Production Dates : DEC 01, 2021 - OCT 31, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR ☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2022-2023 Micro Bird MBII

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : In certain vehicles, the seat-level rub rails may be attached incorrectly and may not sufficiently protect the passengers.

Production Dates : DEC 01, 2021 - OCT 31, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR ☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2022-2022 Micro Bird T-Series

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : In certain vehicles, the seat-level rub rails may be attached incorrectly and may not sufficiently protect the passengers.

Production Dates : FEB 15, 2022 - OCT 31, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR ☐ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The seat-level rub rails may have been attached incorrectly to the side of the bus, not offering a solid anchoring to the vertical structure members of the bus

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the seat-level rub rail is not attached correctly, the protection against impact it offers to the passengers may be diminished, increasing the risks of injuries in case of an impact

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Rub Rails

Component Description : Seat-level rub rails

Component Part Number : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

Since on January 1, 2022, the rub rails have been installed at a new production station. The goal was that the rub rails would be installed the same way as previously but at a different stage of the manufacture. On September 19, it was discovered that the seat-level rub rails attachment to the vertical structure members was not consistent, some rub rails being attached beside the vertical structure members, thus only to the side wall. Training was offered and more emphasis on the attachment to the vertical structure members was added in the work instructions. The rub rails have consistently been attached correctly since September 26, 2022. In parallel, the protection offered by the incorrectly attached seat rub rails was analysed to determine whether there was a safety risk. It was decided on October 27, 2022, to recall the school vehicles on which the seat-level

rub rails have been installed between January 1 and September 26, 2022.
Micro Bird has not received any report of incident or claim regarding this defect

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Micro Bird Corporation will provide instructions and the necessary parts as well as reimburse labor, to correct the defect at no charge. It will be the responsibility of the bus owners to contact a Micro Bird dealer to have the rub rails of their vehicle(s) inspected, and if the defect is present, to correctly attach them.

Owners who have incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the defect addressed by this recall campaign within a reasonable time in advance of notification, may submit their claims to Micro Bird. Reimbursement, in part or in full, will be provided upon approval of the claim

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :

NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Training was offered and more emphasis on the attachment to the vertical structure members was added in the work instructions. The rub rails have consistently been attached correctly since September 26, 2022

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Micro Bird will notify the dealers by emails and written notification will be sent to dealers

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 05, 2022 - DEC 16, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 19, 2022 - DEC 23, 2022

* NR - Not Reported