



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-028

Date Opened: 05/25/2005

Date Closed: 09/27/2005

Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka

Subject: School Bus Stalls

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company

Products: Blue Bird 2004-06 Vision, 01-05 All American, 01-05 T/C 2000

Population: 5863

Problem Description: School bus engine will unexpectedly stall.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	0	3
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	75	0
Other*:	0		75

*Description of Other: All 3 ODI complaints are from a single fleet. Blue Bird reported 75 warranty claims.

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation is closed. Blue Bird Corporation has filed a safety recall (05V-362).

Engineer: Sonny Murianka *SM*

Date: 09/27/2005

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 09/27/2005

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Summary: This investigation was opened after ODI received a complaint from a school bus fleet reporting that three separate buses had stalled unexpectedly while they were loaded with children. Reportedly, each time the failure occurred the master battery shut-off switch was identified as being defective. ODI opened this investigation to gather specific information and details into these allegations.

As a result of ODI's investigation, Blue Bird has agreed to initiate a safety recall to replace the standard nut on the 10/32 stud with a locking nut, check for proper wiring installation, and reposition the wires so that they do not stress the stud.

A copy of the recall is attached. Blue Bird's action resolves the issues raised by this investigation. Therefore, this investigation is closed.

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