



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-028
Date Opened: 05/25/2005
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Stalling

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company
Products: Blue Bird Vision Model Year 2005
Population: 1500 (Estimated)

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	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other: ALL THREE OF THE COMPLAINTS ARE FROM ONE FLEET.

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka

Date: 05/25/2005

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 05/25/2005

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: ODI has received a complaint from a school bus fleet reporting that three separate buses have stalled unexpectedly while the buses were loaded with children. Reportedly, each time the failure occurred the master battery shut-off switch was identified as being defective.

ODI believes that a stalled school buses poses an increased risk to the safety of the children on board, as well as to motorists operating in the vicinity of the stalled bus.

An investigation is being opened to gather relevant facts.

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