



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-014
Date Opened: 04/06/2006
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Brake Air Pressure Buzzer Inoperative.

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company
Products: 2005-2006 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
Population: 1000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Complaints allege failure of the low air brake pressure audio alarm (buzzer).

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	9	0	9
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:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka
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Summary: ODI has been contacted by a fleet that alleges numerous air brake warning buzzer failures on their buses. This buzzer alerts the driver if the air supply in the service brake reservoir should drop below 60 psi. Low air pressure will result in an application of the spring brakes, which ultimately can result in a disabled bus.

ODI believes that an inoperative air buzzer poses an increased risk to the safety of the children on board, as well as motorists operating in the vicinity of the bus.

This investigation is opened to further study this issue.

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