



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 07-050  
Date Opened: 10/11/2007  
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka  
Subject: Air Brake Line Detaches

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company  
Products: Blue Bird All American RE 2006-2007 with Air Brakes  
Population: 2,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Air brake lines are separating from dash fittings.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

|                     | ODI | Manufacturer | Total |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-------|
| Complaints:         | 7   | 0            | 7     |
| 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 (PE) has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka *MB*  
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Summary: ODI is aware of two fleets reporting a total of 7 air brake line failures. Reportedly, the air line detaches from behind the dashboard where it is attached to the fitting connecting to rear of the air pressure gauge.

A Preliminary Evaluation is opened to gather more technical information on this issue, along with determining the consequences of such an event.