



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 08-038
Date Opened: 06/04/2008 Date Closed: 08/04/2008
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Hydraulic Brake Hose Chafing/Leaking

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company
Products: 2004-2009 Blue Bird Vision School Bus
Population: 5,422

Problem Description: Hydraulic brake hoses are chafing and abrading against the bus body/fire wall.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	7	63	63
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: This PE is closed. Blue Bird has filed a safety recall (08V-312).

Engineer: Sonny Murianka

Date: 08/04/2008

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 08/04/2008

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: In April, 2008, ODI received a letter from the Missouri State Highway Patrol alleging that their field inspectors were finding hydraulic brake hoses that were being cut or crushed by the sharp edges of the bus body at the firewall. They also supplied information on one bus that experienced total brake loss due to the brake hose being cut. Further field work by ODI increased the number of complaints to a total of seven.

After discussions with ODI and further review of field incidents, Blue Bird has decided to initiate a safety recall to inspect, replace and or reposition the brake hoses of concern.

This recall action resolves the issues raised by this investigation. Accordingly, this investigation is closed.