



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 09-007
Date Opened: 02/12/2009 Date Closed: 04/09/2009
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Cooling Fan Separation

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company
Products: 2008-2009 Blue Bird School Buses-Vision Model
Population: 3,419

Problem Description: Incorrect length bolts and fan spacer may have been installed, resulting in the cooling fan separating.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	6	6
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 Preliminary Evaluation is closed. Blue Bird has filed a safety recall (O9V-075) to resolve this issue.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka  Date: 04/09/2009
Div. Chief: Richard Boyd  Date: 04/09/2009
Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter Date: 04/09/2009

Summary: A Blue Bird Corporation service bulletin dated December 18, 2008, warns owners that the radiator cooling fan assembly may have been installed using incorrectly sized bolts and spacers on Model Years 2008 and 2009 Vision School Buses. There is a possibility that the fan blade may separate from the clutch mounting position.

After further review, on March 3, 2009, Blue Bird filed a safety recall to inspect all involved buses. Blue Bird will replaced the existing spacers and bolts if found to be the incorrect hardware.

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