



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP09-006
Prompted By: Owner Letters
Date Opened: 11/30/2009
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Alleged Deficiencies in 07V-586 Recall

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company
Products: 2005 – 2007 Model Year Blue Bird Wanderlodge M450 Motor Home
Population: 58

Problem Description:

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	6	0	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: ODI to evaluate this petition

Engineer: Thomas Bowman

Date: 11/30/2009

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 11/30/2009

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 11/30/2009

Summary:

Owners whose vehicles have been remedied as prescribed by Blue Bird Campaign 07V-586 have expressed dissatisfaction with the following issues: (1) remedied vehicles have diminished cargo capacity; (2) redeployed placement of generator in remedied vehicles is inadequately ventilated; (3) vehicle weight (which exceeds the manufacturer's specifications); front axle being used in excess of its rating; incorrect weight specification; overweight; (4) the Blue Bird recommended 130 psi inflation pressure in front tires (is not recommended by Michelin); (5) impractical weight and passenger restrictions; traveling with ¼ water allowable limit; vehicle loading data is misleading in that Blue Bird recorded vehicle weights with 4 passengers and full water but without cargo; and (6) owners have also alleged that Blue Bird did not weigh vehicles consistent with RVIA and/or NHTSA recommendations or practices.