



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 09-007
Date Opened: 02/12/2009
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Incorrect Fan Bolts and Spacer

Manufacturer: Blue Bird Body Company
Products: 2008-2009 Blue Bird School Buses-Vision Model
Population: 1500 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Incorrect length bolts and fan spacer may have been installed, and fan may separate.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	1	0	1

*Description of Other: Service bulletin no. SO8NR clutch bolts and spacers

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

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

In the past, this type of issue has usually resulted in a safety recall to address the concern. ODI believes a PE is warranted for further analysis and information gathering.