

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

04V-494
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Report Date: October 12, 2004

1. Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

Blue Bird Corporation
P. O. Box 937
Fort Valley, GA 31030

2. The following vehicles are being recalled:

All 2005 model year Blue Bird 45' Wanderlodge Motorhomes manufactured from June 30, 2004 through September 27, 2004.

3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect are:

10

4. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect is:

100

5. The defect consist of:

An incorrect Busbar cable connector was specified for the main power distribution box. Under high load conditions, there is a potential for arcing and shorting which can destroy the Busbar assembly and loss of power to engine. The risk to motor vehicle safety associated with this defect is for sudden engine shut-down and potential loss of the ability to move vehicle out of roadway.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the defect.

On 09-24-04 Blue Bird Coachworks Division Customer Service Department received a complaint regarding electrical malfunction.

On 09-25-04 Customer Service representative was dispatched to customer's location to inspect unit for probable causes of electrical malfunction. The representative reported that the Bussbar cable connector had shorted.

On 09-27-04 a review of the failed parts was initiated. Coachworks engineering determined that the Bussbar originally installed was not rated high enough for the load carried.

On 10-09-04 appropriately rated replacement Bussbar connectors were sent to all Dealers with affected units.

On 10-09-04 and 10-11-04 Service personnel were also dispatched to correct the remaining two units that were delivered to the end user.

7. The defect will be corrected in the following manner:

The incorrect 150 amp Bussbar cable connector will be replaced with a 600amp Bussbar Cable connector.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Of the 10 units delivered from the factory seven (7) were at distributor locations and Have already been corrected. The three (3) remaining units delivered to owners have also been corrected. No further action is required.

9. Blue Bird's identification number assigned to this recall is:

R04JD

10. A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

All units have been corrected. Notification documents are not required.

Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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