

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-153 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: March 26, 2004

Date Faxed: March 31, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Blue Bird Body Company

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. William P. Coleman
Recall Administrator

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SUBJECT: 98 Blue Bird 2003-2004 Wanderlodge M380 motor coaches, Express 3500 and Express 4000 transit coaches. Incorrect torque application may have been applied to the clamp bolts for the drag link, tie rod and torque rods which may result in either over or under torqued bolts. *Blue Bird Recall No. R04HR.*

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates of manufacture for these buses.

As stated in Part 573.6 submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin by April 7, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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