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National Highway
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Administration

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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-341** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: July 9, 2004

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: July 22, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Blue Bird Body Company

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator

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SUBJECT: 48 Blue Bird 2004 Express motor coaches fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." The front brake air gauge drops during the kneeling cycle. It was found that on the air system, potential backfeed existed from the front brake service reservoir to the wet supply reservoir. This failure could result in a loss of the coach control, increasing the risk of a crash. *Blue Bird Recall No. R04HU.*

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

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, the recall is expected to begin by August 9, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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