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

Assigned Recall No. ~~04Y-388~~ by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: July 29, 2004

Date Faxed: August 12, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Blue Bird Body Company

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

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SUBJECT: 156 Blue Bird 2003-2004 Wanderlodge M380 motor coaches, 2004 Express 4000 and 4500 commuter coaches, and 2003-2005 Ultra LF transit bus equipped with Arvin-Meritor DX 225 air disc brakes, are experiencing excessive smoke in the wheel area due to overheating of the air disc brake pads. A potential fire in the wheel may occur which may result in property damage or personal injury. *Blue Bird Recall No. R04HW.*

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, owner notification is expected to begin by August/September 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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