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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. 04V-426 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: August 27, 2004

Date Faxed: August 31, 2004

MANUFACTURER: BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

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SUBJECT: 372 MY 1999-2005 ALL AMERICAN, TC/2000, MICRO BIRD, VISION, CONVENTIONAL, AND COMMERCIAL SERIES SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED WITH SURE-LOC WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT SYSTEMS AND MANUFACTURED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 17, 1999, AND AUGUST 13, 2004. CERTAIN SURE-LOK WHEELCHAIR TIE-DOWN SECUREMENT ASSEMBLIES P/N 8625-13. THE SPROCKET TEETH OF THE RETRACTOR ASSEMBLY MAY BE OUT OF ALIGNMENT CAUSING THE LOAD PAWL NOT TO FULLY SEAT IN THE SPROCKET TEETH. BLUE BIRD IDENTIFICATION NO. R04JB.

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.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 on or about September 27, 2004. Therefore, Blue Bird's first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before January 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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