

R04HW

August 05, 2004

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the following Commercial series coaches:

2004 model year Blue Bird Express 4000 Commuter Coaches manufactured from July 31, 2003 through June 25, 2004, equipped with Arvin-Meritor DX 225 air disc brakes.

2004 model year Blue Bird Express 4500 Commuter Coaches manufactured from September 20, 2003 through June 10, 2004, equipped with Arvin-Meritor DX 225 air disc brakes.

2003-2005 model year Blue Bird Ultra Low Floor transit buses manufactured from March 14, 2003 through July 02, 2004 equipped with Arvin-Meritor DX 195 air disc brakes.

The defect is not known at this time. The predominant symptom reported is excessive smoke in the wheel area due to overheating of the air disc brake pads in the Arvin-Meritor supplied brake assemblies.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to this defect is the potential for fire in the wheel area which may result in property damage or personal injury.

The final remedy has not been determined by Arvin-Meritor. In the interim you will be contacted, with-in 30 days from receipt of this letter, by Arvin-Meritor to schedule a time for Arvin-Meritor personnel to inspect your brake assemblies and replace the air disc brake pads. Arvin-Meritor will perform this interim inspection and modification at "No Charge" to you.

It will take approximately 3 hours per coach for Arvin-Meritor to complete the interim modifications on Ultra Low floor coach (es) and approximately 4 hours per coach for Express coaches.

When the final remedy is determined, you will be contacted again to schedule a time to perform the final remedy. This final modification will be performed at "No Charge" to you.

Your coach(es) affected by recall R04HW are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheet. If you no longer own the subject coach(es), please complete the appropriate section of the reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

If the interim inspection and modification directed by this notification have already been performed on your coach(es) prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the enclosed recall reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage paid reply envelope so that we may update our records.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
400 SEVENTH STREET, SW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,

**Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY**

R04HW

August 10, 2004

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2003 and 2004 model year Wanderlodge M380 coaches manufactured from September 25, 2002 through July 09, 2004 equipped with Arvin Meritor DX225 air disc brakes.

The defect is not known at this time. The predominant symptom reported is excessive smoke in the wheel area due to overheating of the air disc brake pads in the Arvin-Meritor supplied brake assemblies.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to this defect is the potential for fire in the wheel area which may result in property damage or personal injury.

The final remedy has not been determined by Arvin-Meritor. In the interim you will be contacted, within 30 days from receipt of this letter, by Arvin-Meritor to schedule a time for Arvin-Meritor personnel to inspect your brake assemblies and replace the air disc brake pads.

It will take approximately 3 hours for Arvin-Meritor to complete the interim inspection and modification on your coach. Arvin-Meritor will perform this interim inspection and modification at "No Charge" to you.

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