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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. BILL COLEMAN
CORPORATE RECALL ADMINISTER
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY
CORPORATE RECALL ADMINISTRATOR
P.O. BOX 937
FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

NVS-215kjs
05V-036

Subject: FMVSS 120/TIRE LOAD RANGE OMITTED

Dear MR. COLEMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report.
Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
BLUE BIRD/CONVENTIONAL/2003-2005
BLUE BIRD/MICRO BIRD/2003-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-036
Components:
CERTIFICATION LABEL

Recall Date: January 31, 2005

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,300

Summary:
CERTAIN MY 2003 THRU 2005 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD AND CONVENTIONAL
SCHOOL BUSES. THESE BUSES DO NOT HAVE THE TIRE LOAD RANGE ON BOTH
THE TIRE INFORMATION LABEL AND CERTIFICATION DECAL AS REQUIRED BY
FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 120, TIRE SELECTION AND
RIMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN PASSENGER CARS.

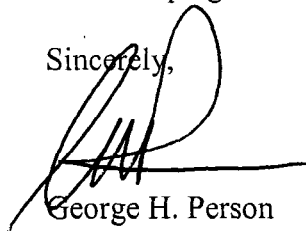
Remedy:

BLUE BIRD WILL MAIL FINAL STAGE MANUFACTURER CERTIFICATION DECALS WITH THE TIRE LOAD RATING INDICATED TO ITS CUSTOMERS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2005.

Effective October 21, 2004, Blue Bird must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year). You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a large loop at the end of the signature.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement