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NVS-215
05V-044

Subject: BLUE BIRD/BRAKE LIGHT CIRCUIT MODIFICATION

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/WANDERLODGE M450 LXI/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-044

Recall Date: February 04, 2005

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES, A CIRCUIT DESIGN RESULTED IN A 12.1 AMP CIRCUIT DRAW IN THE BRAKE LIGHT CIRCUIT WHEN IS PROTECTED BY A 10 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER.

Consequence:

THE CURRENT DRAW MAY CAUSE THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TO FAIL RESULTING IN A LOSS OF BRAKE LIGHTS WITH NO WARNING TO THE DRIVER BEFORE OR AFTER THE FUSE BLOWS. A FOLLOWING DRIVER MAY NOT KNOW WHEN THE BRAKES HAVE BEEN APPLIED, AND A REAR-END CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL MODIFY THE CIRCUIT TO INCORPORATE RELAYS TO REDUCE CURRENT DRAW IN THE FUSED CIRCUIT TO LESS THAN 10 AMPERES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 23, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-825-2021.

Notes:

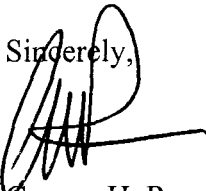
BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R05JJ. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

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).

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, the recall began on February 23, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@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 stylized flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division