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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

**SEP - 2 2005**

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CORPORATE RECALL ADMINISTRATOR  
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY  
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FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

NVS-215kjs  
05V-382

**Subject: BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH**

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 as this information will be made accessible to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

BLUE BIRD/ALL AMERICAN/2001-2006  
BLUE BIRD/TC2000/2001-2005  
BLUE BIRD/VISION/2004-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-382

**Recall Date:** August 31, 2005

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5,863

**Summary:**

CERTAIN 2001 THROUGH 2006 MY BLUE BIRD ALL AMERICAN, TC2000 TRANSIT SCHOOL BUSES, AND VISION CONVENTIONAL SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 5, 2001, AND JULY 15, 2005. THESE BUSES ARE EQUIPPED WITH A BATTERY DISCONNECT SWITCH THAT HAS CONNECTIONS THAT MAY BE LOOSE ON THE BATTERY SWITCH STUDS CREATING THE POTENTIAL FOR THE BUS TO SHUT DOWN WHILE IN OPERATION.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THE BUS SHUT DOWN WHILE IN OPERATION, A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR.

**Remedy:**

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R05KA. BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY ITS OWNERS AND INSTRUCT THEM ON HOW TO REPAIR THE SWITCH. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2005. OWNERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242.

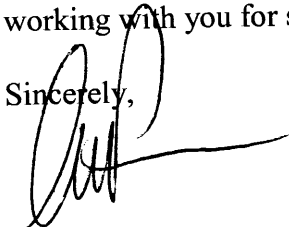
**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY:1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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](mailto:KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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