

**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting
Noncompliance Report**

Report Date: Original: January 14, 2005
Revised: February 08, 2005

1. Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

Blue Bird Corporation
P. O. Box 937
Fort Valley, GA 31030

2. The following vehicles are being recalled:

Blue Bird Corporation 2002 through 2005 model year Commercial Series Ultra LF model buses.

3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the noncompliance are:

59

4. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the noncompliance is:

100%

5. The noncompliance consist of:

FMVSS Passenger Window Retention Noncompliance. The striker plates at the bottom of the Hehr emergency pushout windows can wear a groove into the emergency release bolt. If this groove becomes deep enough, the emergency pushout window may fail to open as intended when released, thus potentially trapping the passengers or a least delaying their escape.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the noncompliance:

On January 10, 2005 Blue Bird receive a letter of notification from Hehr International dated January 06, 2005 advising Hehr International had decided a noncompliance existed in their model series 2000 emergency egress windows. Please reference Hehr International noncompliance notification reports dated December 10, 2004 and follow-up letter dated January 06, 2005. Copies attached.

7. The noncompliance will be corrected in the following manner:

Blue Bird Corporation will notify owners and supply modification parts provided by Hehr International

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 14, 2005.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 21, 2005.

Note: Modification parts will be included with the owner notification letter.

9. Blue Bird's identification number assigned to this recall is:

R05JF

10. A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted by Hehr International to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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Signed: _____
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