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February 4, 2005

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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington DC 20590

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573, Blue Bird Body Company is submitting the attached defect report.

If you should have any questions concerning the information submitted, please contact me at 478-822-2242.

Respectfully,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification for Blue Bird Recall R05JJ Wanderlodge M450
Brake Light Circuit Modification

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: February 04, 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 2005 and 2006 model year Wanderlodge model M450
LXi motor homes manufactured from June 2004 through January 2005

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

22

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

100%

5. The defect consists of:

A circuit design error resulted in a 12.1 amp circuit draw in the brake light circuit which is protected by a 10 amp circuit breaker. 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.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the defect.

January 20, 2005	During routine servicing, brake light failure was confirmed on a customer's coach.
January 24, 2005	Blue Bird engineering began test procedures to determine cause of brake light failure.
January 31, 2005	Blue Bird determined the cause of the failure to be insufficient size circuit breaker (10 amp) for load carried (12.1 amp) in brake light circuit.
February 01, 2005	A review of the design determined a safety related defect existed in all Wanderlodge M450 LXi coaches manufactured and delivered through January 2005.

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

The circuit will be modified to incorporate relays to reduce current draw in the fused circuit to less than 10 amperes.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 16, 2005.

Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 23, 2005.

Owners whose coaches were remedied prior to the issuance of this recall will be reimbursed in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

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

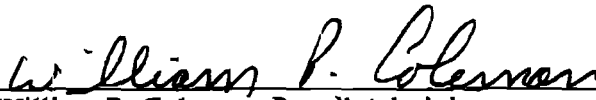
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10. A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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