

R05JW

DATE: AUGUST 05, 2005

TO: U.S. DISTRIBUTORS

**SUBJECT: RECALL R05JW SPECIALTY 5-SERIES ELECTRIC STOP ARM
SWITCH REPLACEMENT-WARM STATES**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Based on information provided by Specialty Manufacturing Company, Blue Bird Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain school bus models equipped with Specialty Manufacturing 5-series electric stop arms. Stop arms with the potential defective switch have a serial number between 480380 and 627609. Affected Blue Bird school bus models and corresponding manufacturing dates are listed in the owner letter. **The attached owner letter addresses buses operating in states with cold climate conditions.**

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with the defect must be corrected according to the instructions provided in the attached owner letter. **If buses equipped with the Specialty Manufacturing Company's 5-series electric stop arm are not in service in one of the above listed states, the stop arm will not have to be repaired. However, if buses are to be driven in any of the states indicated in the attached owner letter, you should replace the stop arm microswitch as outlined below.**

If our records indicate affected units were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected units is enclosed. **Distributors should verify correct owners and that complete shipping addresses are provided for each listed vehicle.** If you have in your possession or have sold a vehicle that was purchased from another distributor that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

Replacement switches should be ordered directly from Specialty Manufacturing Company. You may contact Specialty Manufacturing Company by one of the following methods:

Call toll free: 1-800-951-7867 ext. customer service

Go online to: www.specmfg.com/products_bus_1.html and select the page entitled "5-series stop-arm campaign".

Or you may contact Blue Bird Recall Administration at 478-822-2242 for assistance.

Reimbursement will be provided by Specialty Manufacturing Company. Blue Bird will provide reimbursement if you are not satisfied with reimbursement provided by Specialty Manufacturing Company. Parts that are removed should be discarded.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Distributors are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications/repairs on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank you,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator