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of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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MR. WILLIAM COLEMAN  
RECALL ADMINISTRATOR  
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY  
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FORT VALLEY GA 31030

NVS-215kjs  
06V-058

**Subject: FMVSS 301/WRONG SIZED BUMPER**

Dear MR. COLEMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
BLUE BIRD/MICRO BIRD/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-058

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 23, 2006

**Components:**  
STRUCTURE:BODY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 13

**Summary:**  
CERTAIN BLUE BIRD MY 2006 MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSES WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 301, "FUEL SYSTEM INTEGRITY." THE AFFECTED BUSES WERE PRODUCED WITH AN 8" BUMPER RATHER THAN A 10" BUMPER.

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE BUMPER MAY INADEQUATELY PROTECT COMPONENTS OF THE FUEL SYSTEM. THIS COULD RESULT IN A POST-CRASH FUEL LEAK WHICH, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND REPLACE THE BUMPER FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 13, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242.

**Notes:**

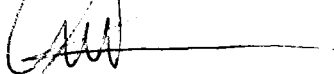
BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R06KP. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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