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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
06V-261

Subject: POWER CABLE TOO SHORT/BREAKS

Dear MR. COLEMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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/VISION/2004-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-261

Mfg's Report Date: July 14, 2006

Components:
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,980

Summary:
CERTAIN 2004-2007 MY VISION SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN AUGUST 5, 2003, AND JUNE 13, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH OPTION 40280-02 AMMETER SHUNT. THE POWER CABLE ORIGINALLY INSTALLED BETWEEN THE TOE BOARD AND THE SHUNT MAY BE TOO SHORT AND MAY BREAK DUE TO ENGINE VIBRATION.

Consequence:
SHOULD THE POWER CABLE BREAK WHILE THE BUS IS IN USE, THE BUS COULD BECOME STRANDED IN AN ACTIVE LANE WHICH COULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE SHORT POWER CABLE WITH A LONGER CABLE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 31, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242.

Notes:

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R06KW. 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).

This recall is the result of an investigation, PE06-026, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

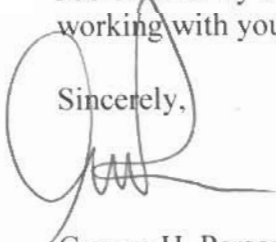
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on August 31, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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. 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