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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
06V-464

Subject: STEERING WHEEL BOLT

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/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-464

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 6, 2006

**Components:**  
STEERING:COLUMN

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 227

**Summary:**

CERTAIN 2008 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUSES BUILT FROM OCTOBER 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 21, 2006. A TEMPORARY BOLT WAS USED TO SECURE THE STEERING WHEEL DURING THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS. THE TEMPORARY BOLT WAS TO BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH A PERMANENT BOLT WITH A LOCK COATING DURING THE FINAL ASSEMBLY STAGE. THE TEMPORARY BOLT WAS NOT REMOVED AND REPLACED ON THE SUBJECT UNITS, BUT INSTEAD THE BOLT WAS REUSED.

**Consequence:**

REUSE OF THE ATTACHING SCREW COULD ALLOW THE STEERING WHEEL TO LOOSEN DURING OPERATION WHICH COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH TO OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES BY REPLACING THE SCREW WITH A NEW ATTACHING SCREW FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 18, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242.

**Notes:**

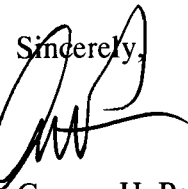
BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R06LD. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Blue Bird's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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 December 18, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due 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 [Kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.schuler@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