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DEFECT INVESTIGATION

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July 14, 2006

Mr. Ron Medford  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street  
Washington DC 20590

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573, Blue Bird Corporation is submitting the attached defect report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on July 14, 2006 to the attention of Pat Wallace.

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: Blue Bird Recall R06KX Detroit Diesel Series  
60 Burst Logic

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## **PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting**

### **Defect Report**

**Report Date:** July 14, 2006

**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 model year 2000 through 2003 Wanderlodge LXi Motor Homes  
manufactured from January 13, 2000 through August 5, 2002

Blue Bird model year 2000 through 2003 LTC Transit Coaches  
manufactured from January 13, 2000 through August 5, 2002.

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

150

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

100%

**5. The defect consist of:**

The turbocharger on the Detroit Diesel Series 60 Series engine can fail allowing lubricating oil to enter the exhaust system. This can result in a fire in the engine compartment.

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

On July 11, 2006 Blue Bird learned of this recall through a customers call to our service department. Detroit Diesel was immediately contacted and a copy was received by email. Detroit Diesel reports the recall was mailed to Blue Bird on April 13, 2006 however, we have been unable to find where it was received by Blue Bird.

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

Blue Bird will provide a list of owner names and addresses to Detroit Diesel. Detroit Diesel will send a notification letter to owners advising owners to contact their Detroit Diesel dealer to have the ECM reprogrammed and if needed barometric sensors and pigtail harnesses installed.

Reference Detroit Diesels submitted to NHTSA on March 08, 2006 (NHTSA Campaign ID 06E019000)

**8. Notification will be as follows:**

Detroit Diesel will notify owners.

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

R06KX

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

Detroit Diesel has already submitted copies of the owner notification letter to NHTSA.

**Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:**

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Signed: William P. Coleman  
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