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DATE: MAY 05, 2006

TO: U.S. DISTRIBUTORS

**SUBJECT: RECALL R06KS RICON WHEELCHAIR LIFT VERTICAL
CONTROL ARM WELD CRACKS**

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

Blue Bird Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2006 model year Blue Bird All American school and transit buses and 2006 model year Blue Bird "Vision" conventional school buses equipped with a Ricon 5500 series platform wheelchair lift.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with the defect must be corrected by an authorized Ricon dealer.

If our records indicate affected units were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected units is enclosed. **Note: Blue Bird does not maintain Ricon wheelchair lift serial numbers. Therefore, some units on the attached list will have serial numbers that are not in the recall list provided by Ricon. A reply sheet is provided for recording the Ricon serial number for each body number.**

It is the distributor's responsibility to verify that the correct owner name, address and telephone number is provided for each listed vehicle. Any corrections or updates should be made on BBOND. Addresses that cannot be updated on BBOND should be forwarded to the Recall Administrator.

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.

Labor time authorized to remove and replace both vertical control arms is 1 hour per bus.

Blue Bird distributors that are also Ricon dealers must file for warranty reimbursement directly to Ricon Corporation.

Blue Bird distributors that are not Ricon dealers may submit warranty applications to Blue Bird VIA ClaimTrac (use create campaign/bulletin claim).

All claims must have the Ricon wheelchair lift serial number indicated in the text section of the warranty claim. Claims for replacement of vertical control arms will only be accepted for wheelchair lifts with serial numbers in the recall population as identified by Ricon. A list of the affected Ricon serial numbers is attached.

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.

Thank you,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator