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DEFECT INVESTIGATION

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December 11, 2006

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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

Blue Bird has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2008 model year Blue Bird "Vision" model conventional school buses manufactured from October 23, 2006 through November 21, 2006 at the Lafayette, Georgia manufacturing facility.

The defect involves the steering wheel attaching screw. The steering wheel attaching screw has a lock coating and is a "one time" use screw. During the manufacturing process the screw was removed and reused. 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.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. All subject units must have the steering wheel attaching screw removed and replaced immediately with a new attaching screw according to the enclosed instructions.

Your Blue Bird bus (es) affected by recall R06LD are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

New steering wheel attaching screws are being shipped to you "No Charge" via UPS. You should receive these screws within the next few days.

A qualified technician should perform this recall or you may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance. Labor time required to remove and replace the steering wheel attaching screw is 0.2 hrs (12 minutes) per bus.

Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the pink request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

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If the modifications/repair directed by this notification was performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the pink recall reply sheet and attached a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
400 SEVENTH STREET, SW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236
TTY 1-800-424-9153

Or go to: [HTTP://WWW.SAFECAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFECAR.GOV)

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY