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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
07V-258

Subject: PARKER SINGLE CHECK VALVE/BENDIX

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:** 07V-258

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 22, 2007

**Components:**  
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:CHECK VALVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5,977

**Summary:**

CERTAIN BLUE BIRD MY 2004 THROUGH 2007 VISION SCHOOL AND TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN OCTOBER 9, 2003, AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH PARKER SINGLE CHECK VALVES (SCV) PROVIDED BY BENDIX. THE DEFECT EXISTS IN THE PARKER SCV THAT CONNECTS WITH THE SUPPLY PORT OF THE SR-7 SPRING BRAKE MODULATING VALVE. AFTER PROLONGED USE OF THE PARKER SCV, THE VALVE BODY RETAINER MAY BECOME EXCESSIVELY WORN AND EVENTUALLY BREAK APART. PIECES OF THE PARKER SCV CAN BECOME LODGED INSIDE THE SR-7 SPRING BRAKE MODULATING VALVE, POTENTIALLY CAUSING EITHER LEAKAGE OUT OF THE SR-7 VALVE OR PREVENTING AIR FROM PROPERLY EXHAUSTING FROM THE SR-7 VALVE.

**Consequence:**

THIS CONDITION CAN CAUSE A DELAY IN THE APPLICATION OF THE SPRING BRAKES TO PARK THE VEHICLE AFTER THE OPERATOR PULLS THE DASH VALVE BUTTON. THESE CONDITIONS CAN OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING, LEADING TO UNINTENDED VEHICLE ROLLAWAY, BRAKE DRAG, OR IN THE CASE OF LOSS OF PRIMARY CIRCUIT, INABILITY TO MODULATE THE SPRING BRAKES.

**Remedy:**

BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE A FREE REMEDY. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS CAN CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242.

**Notes:**

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R07LY. 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).

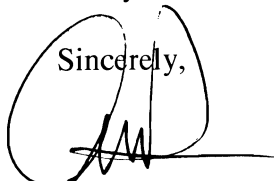
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement