



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

MR. WILLIAM COLEMAN  
RECALL ADMINISTRATOR  
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY  
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FORT VALLEY, GA 31030

NVS-215kjs  
07V-338

Subject: CATERPILLAR C7 ENGINES

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/ALL AMERICAN/2008  
BLUE BIRD/VISION/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-338

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 1, 2007

**Components:** FUEL SYSTEMS, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:FUEL PUMP

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 438

**Summary:**

CERTAIN BLUE BIRD MY 2008 ALL AMERICAN AND VISION SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JUNE 6 AND JULY 27, 2007. A FUEL PUMP FAILURE WILL DILUTE THE ENGINE OIL WITH FUEL AND CAUSE LOSS OF THROTTLE CONTROL AND EXCESSIVE SMOKE.

**Consequence:**

EITHER CONDITION COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

BLUE BIRD IS WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH CATERPILLAR TO NOTIFY OWNERS TO CONTACT THEIR LOCAL CATERPILLAR DEALER FOR A FREE REMEDY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT CATERPILLAR AT 1-800-447-4986 OR BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242.

**Notes:**

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R07MF. 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).

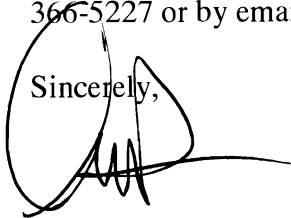
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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 your report, Caterpillar will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Caterpillar's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at [KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV](mailto:KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV).

Sincerely,



George H. Person  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement