



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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NVS-215kjs  
07V-407

Subject: ENGINE OIL LEAK

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/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-407

**Mfg's Report Date:** September 6, 2007

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,339

**Summary:**

CERTAIN 2008 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE 6 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4, 2007. THE OIL FILL CAP AND INSERT MAY SEPARATE FROM THE OIL FILL TUBE ALLOWING ENGINE OIL TO BE EMITTED FROM THE TUBE. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS OIL COULD WET THE LEFT FRONT BRAKE SHOES/PADS RESULTING IN REDUCED BRAKING CAPACITY.

**Consequence:**

A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR.

**Remedy:**

BLUE BIRD IS ADVISING THE OWNERS TO REMOVE THEIR BUSES FROM SERVICE UNTIL THEY HAVE THE BUSES REPAIRED. OWNERS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THEIR NEAREST CATERPILLAR DEALER TO HAVE AN INTERIM REPAIR DONE. THE INTERIM REPAIR CONSISTS OF INSTALLING TWO SCREWS THROUGH THE OIL FILL TUBE TO RETAIN THE OIL FILL RETAINER INSERT IN PLACE. CATERPILLAR WILL ISSUE A SEPARATE RECALL NOTIFICATION LETTER TO OWNERS ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 17, 2007, THAT WILL INSTRUCT OWNERS TO CONTACT A CATERPILLAR DEALER TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE A NEW OIL FILL TUBE INSTALLED AS A PERMANENT REMEDY. THE RECALL BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242 OR CATERPILLAR AT 800-447-4986.

**Notes:**

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R07MJ. 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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. 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 Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

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,



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