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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

MR. WILLIAM COLEMAN
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BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY
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NVS-215kjs
07V-552

Subject: FUSIBLE LINK ON THE PDU POWER CABLE WAS REMOVED

Dear MR. COLEMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Blue Bird's notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/MICRO BIRD/2001-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-552

Mfg's Report Date: December 4, 2007

Components:
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:FUSES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,747

Summary:
CERTAIN MY 2001 THROUGH 2007 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD MODEL SCHOOL BUSES MOUNTED ON FORD DIESEL CHASSIS PRODUCED WITH AN OPTIONAL BATTERY COMPARTMENT MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 14, 2000, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5, 2007. A FUSIBLE LINK PROVIDED ON THE FORD CHASSIS PDU POWER CABLE WAS REMOVED WHEN THE CABLE WAS SHORTENED TO ACCOMMODATE AN OPTIONAL BATTERY COMPARTMENT.

Consequence:

A VEHICLE FIRE CAN OCCUR.

Remedy:

BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES BY INSTALLING A FUSIBLE LINK IN THE PDU POWER CABLE CIRCUIT AND WILL ALSO PROVIDE PROTECTIVE LOOM TO BE USED AS TEMPORARY PROTECTION AROUND ANY SECTIONS OF THE POWER CABLE THAT THE OWNER IDENTIFIES AS BEING DAMAGED OR CHAFED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 20, 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242.

Notes:

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R07MR. 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).

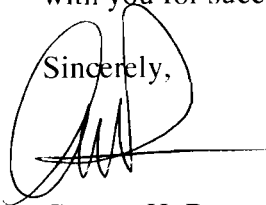
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin during April 2007. 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. 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', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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