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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
07V-556

Subject: FMVSS 404/BRAUN WHEELCHAIR LIFTS

Dear MR. COLEMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Blue Bird's notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations for Motor Vehicles" 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/ALL AMERICAN/2006-2007
BLUE BIRD/CONVENTIONAL/2006-2007
BLUE BIRD/MICRO BIRD/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-556

Mfg's Report Date: December 10, 2007

Components: EQUIPMENT:ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 451

Summary:

CERTAIN BLUE BIRD MY 2006 AND 2007 ALL AMERICAN, CONVENTIONAL, AND MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM JULY 16, 2005 THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH MODEL 900 SERIES WHEELCHAIR LIFTS MANUFACTURED BY THE BRAUN CORPORATION. THE THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEM MAY NOT ACTIVATE AS DESIGNED WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 404, "PLATFORM LIFT INSTALLATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES."

Consequence:

SHOULD THE THRESHOLD WARNING SYSTEM FAIL TO OPERATE, THE LIFT USER CAN FALL FROM THE VEHICLE AND BE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY BLUE BIRD INSTRUCTING THEM TO CONTACT BRAUN FOR FREE REPAIR. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 20, 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT EITHER BLUE BIRD AT 478-822-2242 OR BRAUN PRODUCT SUPPORT AT 1-800-946-7513.

Notes:

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R07MS. BRAUN RECALL NO. 06E-094. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

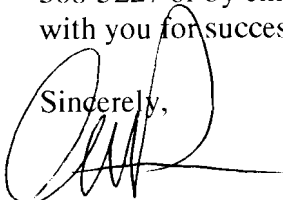
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following item:

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. 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,



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