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Mr. Ron Medford  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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Washington DC 20590

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573, Blue Bird Corporation is submitting the attached defect report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on January 25, 2007 to the attention of Kelly Schuler.

If you should have any questions concerning the information submitted, please contact me at 478-822-2242.

Respectfully,

Bill Coleman  
Recall Administrator

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification: Blue Bird Recall R07LH Windshield Wiper  
Circuit Breaker Failure

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**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting**

**Defect Report**

**Report Date:** January 25, 2007

**1. Vehicles affected are manufactured by:**

Blue Bird Corporation  
P. O. Box 937  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

**2. The following vehicles are being recalled:**

Certain 2007 and 2008 model year Blue Bird "Vision" conventional model school buses manufactured from October 16, 2006 through January 18, 2007.

**3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect are:**

882

**4. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect is:**

100%

**5. The defect consist of:**

Continuous resetting of circuit breaker when wiper/washer is operating in the "Wash/Wipe" mode may cause a failure in the wiring circuit resulting in power being applied to ground which could potentially cause the circuit breaker to overheat and fail resulting in a stalled wiper. Failure of the wiper in inclement weather conditions may cause a vehicle crash, possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death.

**6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the defect.**

On January 08, 2007, Blue Bird Customer Service received a call from Florida Transportation Inc. our distributor in Tallahassee, Florida regarding circuit breakers failing in the wiper circuit.

On January 15, 2007, a Blue Bird field service representative and a Blue Bird electrical engineer traveled to Florida Transportation Inc. to review a bus on their site that was exhibiting the problem.

On January 16 and 17, 2007, test were conducted on the wiper system electrical circuit at Blue Bird's manufacturing facility in Fort Valley. The test found that continuous resetting of the circuit breaker when wiper is operating in the "Wash/Wipe" mode may cause a failure in the wiring circuit. This failure could result in power to ground which could potentially cause the circuit breaker to overheat and fail causing the wiper to stall.

On January 18, 2006, Blue Bird decided to conduct a recall to correct this condition.

**7. The defect will be corrected in the following manner:**

A relay will be installed in the windshield wiper "Wash/Wipe" circuit.

**8. Notification will be as follows:**

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 23, 2007.  
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 28, 2007.  
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

**9. Blue Bird's identification number assigned to this recall is:**

R07LH

**10. A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.**

**Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:**

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Signed: William P. Coleman  
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