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February 07, 2007

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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 noncompliance report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on February 07, 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 Noncompliance Notification: Blue Bird Recall R07LK
Ricon Wheelchair Lift Noncompliance

**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting
Noncompliance Report**

Report Date: February 07, 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, All American model school buses and Micro Bird model school buses manufactured from February 09, 2006 through October 27, 2007.

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

632

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

97%

5. The noncompliance consist of:

The lift inner barrier interlock switch system provided on the Ricon lift may not detect the presence of a passenger on the inner barrier and allow the platform to move down more than one inch below floor level while occupied. This is a potential non-compliance with FMVSS 403 S6.10.2.7.

In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations it may be possible for the wheelchair lift to tip backwards onto the platform If the user is backing onto the lift from inside the vehicle and has the small front wheels fully or partially on the inner barrier when the platform was lowered. A standee could lose his or her balance if they were position fully or partly on the inner barrier when the platform was lowered. Either condition could cause personal injury. No accidents have been reported as a result of this condition to date. Reference NHTSA 06E101 Ricon Corp. Equipment Recall.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the noncompliance:

On January 31, 2007, Blue Bird received notification from Ricon Corporation that certain Ricon model S5510 and S2003 wheelchair lifts shipped to Blue Bird may potentially not be in compliance with FMVSS 403 S6.10.2.7. Reference NHTSA 06E101 Ricon Corp. Equipment Recall.

7. The noncompliance will be corrected in the following manner:

Owners will be notified to have their Ricon wheelchair lifts inspected and corrected by factory trained personnel. Reference NHTSA 06E101 Ricon Corp. Equipment Recall.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 19, 2007.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 26, 2007
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R07LK

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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William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator