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Recall Management Division**

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: June 22, 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:

Blue Bird 2004-2007 model year Vision school and transit buses manufactured from October 09, 2003 through September 21, 2006.

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

5,977

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

90%

5. The defect consist of:

According to the Bendix Safety Defect Notification Information Report-*Parker Single Check Valve* received by Blue Bird on June 11, 2007, the defect exist in the Parker single check valve (SCV) that connects with the supply port of the SR-7 spring brake modulating valve. After prolonged use of the Parker SCV the valve body retainer may become excessively worn and eventually break apart. Pieces of the Parker SCV can become lodged inside the SR-7 spring brake modulating valve potentially causing either leakage out of the SR-7 valve or preventing air from properly exhausting from the SR-7 valve. This condition can cause a delay in the application of the spring brakes to park vehicle after the operator pulls the dash valve button, spring brakes not fully releasing or loss of isolation between the primary and secondary circuits. These conditions can occur without warning, leading to unintended vehicle rollaway, brake drag, or in case of loss of primary circuit, inability to modulate the spring brakes. Normal service is not affected by this condition. Bendix estimates that the wear-through breakage can occur after a year or more of service. There have been no reports of any accidents or injuries related to this issue.

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

Blue Bird received notification of this defect from Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC on June 11, 2007. We are in the process of identifying models where the suspect Parker single check valve was used and the parameters of the affected buses. We will update our Part 573 notification as this information becomes available. The Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Information Report-*Parker Single Check Valve*, submitted to NHTSA on June 07, 2007 is referenced as additional information regarding this defect.

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

Blue Bird will provide without charge a replacement single check valve for the affected units used in connection with the SR-7 spring brake modulating valves.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification date is to be determined.
Owner notification date is to be determined.

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

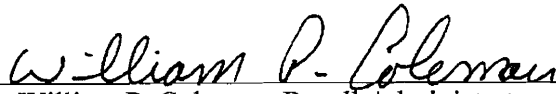
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10. A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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Signed:


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