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July 03, 2007

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573, Blue Bird Corporation is submitting the attached Defect and Noncompliance Information Report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on July 03, 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 Defect and Noncompliance Information Report:
Blue Bird Recall R07LW FMVSS 217 Noncompliance-Additional
Emergency Exits Omitted.

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

Report Date: July 03, 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 2006 through 2008 model year Blue Bird All American rear engine school and transit buses manufactured from January 14, 2005 through March 13, 2007 and equipped with push out windows.

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

192

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

100%

5. The noncompliance consist of:

The subject buses were manufactured with incorrect number of emergency exits resulting in noncompliance with FMVSS 217 S5.2.2.1.

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

In late May 2007, Blue Bird Engineering Services was asked to conduct an audit of the current (2007) order cycle for General Services Administration buses. During this audit it was discovered that FMVSS 217 S5.2.2.1 additional emergency exit requirements were not met for GSA units manufactured during the 2006 GSA order cycle.

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

Additional emergency exit windows will be installed on each side of the subject buses to meet FMVSS 217 S5.2.2.1 additional emergency exit requirements.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on August 08, 2007
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on August 15, 2007
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R07LW

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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