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Mr. Ron Medford  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street  
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 August 01, 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 R07LM Caterpillar Fuel Pump Recall

**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting**

**Defect Report**

**Report Date:** August 01, 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 2008 model year Blue Bird All American and Vision model school buses manufactured from June 06, 2007 thorough July 27, 2007.

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

438

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

100%

**5. The defect consist of:**

Caterpillar Inc. of Peoria, IL has notified Blue Bird that a defect (burr in the fuel pump) exist in certain C7 engines used by Blue Bird in the above model buses. The defect can propagate a crack, thereby diluting the engine oil. This could result in loss of throttle control and excessive smoke, both of which may result in a situation where a vehicle crash could occur resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

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

On July 25, Caterpillar Inc. of Peoria, IL notified Blue Bird that it had filed a defect notification report with NHTSA.

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

Blue Bird will provide a list of customer names and address to Caterpillar Inc. Caterpillar Inc. will notify owners to contact their local Caterpillar dealer. Blue Bird will notify its dealers of Caterpillar's recall. Quarterly reporting will be done by Caterpillar noting completion rates by OEM's. Blue Bird will monitor completion rates for its affected buses.

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

Dealer notification date is to be determined.  
Owner notification will be conducted by Caterpillar Inc.

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

R07MF

**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  
William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator