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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 noncompliance report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on December 06, 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
Corporate Recall Administrator

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification: Blue Bird Recall R07MS Braun
Corporation Wheelchair Lift Threshold Warning Noncompliance

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: December 10, 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 and 2007 model year Blue Bird All American, Conventional and Micro-Bird school buses manufactured from July 16, 2005 through August 29, 2006 and equipped with a Model 900 series wheelchair lift manufactured by The Braun Corporation.

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

451

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

100%

5. The noncompliance consists of:

In October 2007, The Braun Corporation issued Service Bulletin 34273 stating that the threshold warning system of the Model 900 Series wheelchair lift may not activate as designed. This condition would constitute non-compliance to 49CFR Part 571.404.

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

On November 26, 2007, Blue Bird received copies of the dealer and owner recall notification letters from The Braun Corporation. The Braun Corporation had initiated a recall (NHTSA 06E-094) relating to series 02 through 04 Dual Parallel Arm wheelchair lifts. The owner letter stated the subject lifts "fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No 571.404, "Platform lift systems for motor vehicles".

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

Owners will be advised to follow The Braun Corporation's Service Bulletin 34273 which directs owners/operators to test the wheelchair threshold sensitivity for proper functionality. A spacer designed by The Braun Corporation will be supplied with the owner letter. The spacer may be installed to correct any lifts that are not compliant.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on December 18, 2007.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on December 20, 2007.
Spacers supplied by The Braun Corporation are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R07MS

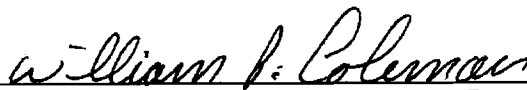
10. Dealer and Owner notification:

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, Corporate Recall Administrator