

R07LK

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2006

TO: U.S. DISTRIBUTORS

**SUBJECT: RECALL R07LK RICON WHEELCHAIR LIFT NONCOMPLIANCE
INNER BARRIER INTERLOCK**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Corporation has decided that certain Ricon 5500 Series and 220 Series platform wheelchair lifts installed in certain 2006 model year Blue Bird All American school and transit buses and 2006 model year Blue Bird "Vision" conventional school buses are not in compliance with FMVSS 403 S6.10.2.7

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with the defect must be corrected by an authorized Ricon dealer.

If our records indicate affected units were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected units is enclosed. **Note: Blue Bird does not maintain Ricon wheelchair lift serial numbers. A reply sheet is provided for recording the Ricon serial number for each body number. This reply sheet must be returned to Blue Bird.**

It is the distributor's responsibility to verify that the correct owner name, address and telephone number is provided for each listed vehicle. Any corrections or updates should be made on BBOND. Addresses that cannot be updated on BBOND should be forwarded to the Recall Administrator.

If you have in your possession or have sold a vehicle that was purchased from another distributor that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

Labor time authorized to perform recall R07LK is 1 hour per bus.

Blue Bird distributors that are also Ricon dealers must file for warranty reimbursement directly to Ricon Corporation.

Blue Bird distributors that are not Ricon dealers may submit warranty applications to Blue Bird VIA ClaimTrac (use create campaign/bulletin claim).

All claims must have the Ricon wheelchair lift serial number indicated in the text section of the warranty claim. Claims for inspection and/ correction of the noncompliance will only be accepted for wheelchair lifts with body serial numbers in the recall population.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Distributors are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications/repairs on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator