



R07LY

September 31, 2007

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004-2007 model year Blue Bird "Vision" school and transit buses equipped with air brakes manufactured from October 09, 2003 through September 21, 2006.

The defect involves the external Parker single check valve (SCV) that connects to the supply port of the Bendix SR-7 spring brake modulating valve. After prolonged use, the internal brass retainer may separate from the SCV. If this were to occur, the brass retainer and other pieces from the SCV may become lodged inside the SR-7 modulating valve and affect its performance. This condition may cause one or all of the following to occur:

- A delay in the application of the parking brakes after the operator pulls the yellow "Parking Brake" dash button in to the apply position, which may result in unintentional vehicle roll away;
- The brake shoes may not fully disengage from the brake drum(s) after the operator depresses the "Parking Brake" dash button in to the release position; and/or
- Operational performance of the service brakes may be affected under certain conditions.

These conditions can occur without warning and may result in property damage and/or injury or death to persons inside and around the bus.

Buses with the defect must be corrected as soon as possible. Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R07LY are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the pink reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

A qualified technician should perform this recall. You may perform this recall yourself or have the work done by a qualified repair facility convenient to you. You may also contact your Blue Bird dealer for assistance with this recall.

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To receive replacement Parker single check valves, confirm your correct shipping address on the enclosed yellow parts request sheet, sign and return it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid reply envelope. Replacement valves will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS.

Estimated labor time to remove and replace the Parker SCV is 0.5 hours (30 minutes) per bus, however Blue Bird will reimburse for all reasonable labor charges necessary to complete the work. Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the pink request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

If the modifications/repair directed by this notification was performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and attached a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

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

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 NEW JERSEY AVE. SE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236
TTY: 1-800-424-9153

or got to: <http://www.safecar.gov>

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

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Corporation