



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-062

SUBJECT: FMVSS 108/REAR LED TURN SIGNAL OPERATION

DEAR MR. COLEMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Blue Bird Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment, in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
BLUE BIRD/MICRO BIRD/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-062

Mfg's Report Date: February 6, 2008

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING: TURN SIGNAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 45

Summary:

BLUE BIRD IS RECALLING 45 MY 2008-2009 MICRO-BIRD SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH JANUARY 28, 2008, MOUNTED ON GENERAL MOTORS CHASSIS WITH OPTION 3016-05 OR 30117-05 LED REAR TURN SIGNALS. THESE BUSES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE FLASH RATE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT." THE SUBJECT LIGHTS OPERATE AT APPROXIMATELY 180 FLASHES PER MINUTE AND THE STANDARD REQUIREMENT IS 60-120 FLASHES PER MINUTE.

Consequence:

THIS STANDARD SPECIFIES REQUIREMENTS FOR REQUIRED ORIGINAL AND REPLACEMENT LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT AND THEIR INSTALLATION. THE PURPOSE IS TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CRASHES, DEATHS AND INJURIES RESULTING FROM CRASHES BY PROVIDING ADEQUATE ILLUMINATION OF THE ROADWAY, AND ENHANCING THE CONSPICUITY OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS SO THAT THEIR PRESENCE IS PERCEIVED AND THEIR SIGNALS UNDERSTOOD, BOTH IN DAYLIGHT AND IN DARKNESS OR OTHER CONDITIONS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A RESISTOR TO BE INSTALLED IN THE TURN SIGNAL CIRCUIT WHICH WILL BRING THE LED REAR TURN SIGNAL FLASH RATE WITH STANDARD REQUIREMENTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 1-478-822-2242.

Notes:

BLUE BIRD RECALL NO. R08MX. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236, TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

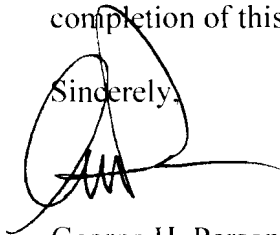
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the left.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement