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Mr. Ron Medford
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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's email address rmd.odi@dot.gov on April 10, 2008.

If you should have any questions concerning the information submitted, please contact me at 478-822-2242.

Respectfully,

Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Corporation

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification: Blue Bird Recall R08NA Ricon Platform
Lift Threshold Signal System Noncompliance

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: April 10, 2008

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 through 2008 model year Blue Bird All American, Conventional and Micro-Bird school and transit buses manufactured from May 03, 2005 through February 15, 2008 equipped with a Ricon Corporation Model 1200, 2000 and 5500 series platform lifts.

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

2,129

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

100%

5. The noncompliance consists of:

The Ricon Corporation notified Blue Bird that it has determined that a safety related non-compliance with S6.1 of FMVSS 403 exists in certain model "1200, 2000 and 5500" series platform lifts manufactured from April 01, 2005 through October 9, 2007. Ricon's notification to Blue Bird stated that the threshold warning system provided on these models may not detect the presence of a wheelchair lift or mobility aid user in a certain spot within the defined threshold area. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations the wheelchair or mobility aid user may move toward the lift door when the lift platform is below floor level which could result in personal injury. This condition constitutes non-compliance to FMVSS 403 S6.1.

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

Ricon Corporation notified Blue Bird that it had initiated a recall (NHTSA 07E-095) relating to a noncompliance with S6.1 of FMVSS 403 "Threshold Warning System" on its model "1200, 2000 and 5500" series platform lifts.

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

Owners will be notified to install Ricon Parts Kit #39979 to correct this condition.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on April 28, 2008.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on April 28, 2008.
Ricon parts kits are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R08NA

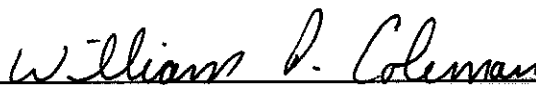
10. Dealer and Owner notification:

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