



June 27, 2008

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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
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 June 06, 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 Body Company

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification: Blue Bird Recall R08NE Seat Bottom
Cushion Retaining Clips Omitted

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: June 27, 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 Blue Bird 2001 and 2002 year model conventional school buses equipped with optional tilt up seat bottom cushions manufactured at Blue Bird's Mount Pleasant, Iowa facility and delivered to Prince Georges County, Maryland.

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

126

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

Unknown

5. The noncompliance consists of:

School bus passenger seat bottom cushions equipped with tilt up option were manufactured without the rear retaining clips. This omission is a nonconformance with FMVSS 571.222 S5.1.5 *Seat Cushion Retention*.

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

On March 24, 2008 Blue Bird received a report from a dealer that the seat bottom cushion rear retaining clips were missing on 2001 model year buses delivered to Prince George County Schools in Maryland.

On May 12, 2008, Blue Bird initiated an inspection of 107 buses delivered to fleets other than Prince Georges County Schools, which were also equipped with the option for tilt up seat bottom cushions to determine if the retaining clips had been omitted on other units. Buses from model years 1996 through 2006 were inspected.

On June 19, 2008 the field inspection was completed and no additional units with missing seat bottom cushion retaining clips were identified.

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

The required clips will be shipped to Prince Georges County Schools for installation.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on July 23, 2008.

Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on July 23, 2008.

Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R08NE

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: _____

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