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Mr. Ron Medford
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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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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 July 09, 2008.

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

Respectfully,

Bill Coleman

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Corporate Recall Administrator

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification: Blue Bird Recall R08NG Caterpillar Fuel Pump Leaks

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting
Noncompliance Report

Report Date: July 09, 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 2008 and 2009 model year Blue Bird All American and Vision School buses manufactured from May 23, 2007 through July 04, 2008 equipped with Caterpillar C7 engines.

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

   1,784

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

   1%

5. **The defect consists of:**

   A fuel pump outlet check plug crack will cause fuel to spray and leak out of a crack in the plug, which may be a potential fire hazard. An engine de-rate may be experienced and check engine lamp or an engine protections lamp may also be activated.

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

On July 02, 2008, Blue Bird received notification via email from Caterpillar Inc. that it had filed a safety defect notification with NHTSA regarding a safety defect that may exist with fuel pumps used on their C7 diesel engines.

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

Caterpillar will issue the Safety Recall and notify customers using a Safety Product Improvement Program (the Caterpillar process used) to replace the Fuel Pump Plugs.

Blue Bird will assist Caterpillar by providing owner information from its database to supplement owner information on Caterpillar's database.

All vehicles on site at both the Fort Valley, Georgia manufacturing facility and the Lafayette, Georgia manufacturing facility and equipped with the subject engines are being repaired by Caterpillar personnel prior to delivery.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Blue Bird will notify its dealers of Caterpillars recall.

Owner notification will be conducted by Caterpillar as prescribed in its 49 CFR 573 filing.

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

R08NG

A draft copy of the dealer notification document 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
William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator