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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 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 R08NH Ricon Platform
FMVSS 403 Lift Anti Stow Noncompliance

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: August 08, 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 non-school buses manufactured from April 01, 2005 through December 31, 2007 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:

2,503

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

Unknown

5. The noncompliance consists of:

The Ricon Corporation notified Blue Bird that it has determined that a safety related non-compliance with S6.10.2.3 of FMVSS 403 exists in certain model "1200, 2000 and 5500" series platform lifts manufactured from April 01, 2005 through September, 2006. Ricon's notification to Blue Bird stated that the platform stow interlock sensor provided on these models may not detect the presence of a wheelchair lift or mobility aid user on the lift platform. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations the wheelchair lift may begin to stow while occupied by a wheelchair or mobility aid user. This situation could cause personal injury.

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

Blue Bird received notification from Ricon Corporation that it had initiated a recall (NHTSA 07E-097) relating to a safety related noncompliance with S6.10.2.3 of the FMVSS 403 exists in public and private use wheelchair lifts it manufactured and Blue Bird installed in its buses on the above dates.

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

Blue Bird will notify owners to contact their nearest Ricon dealer to have the platform stow interlock pressure switch inspected and adjusted, if needed.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on August 22, 2008.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on August 22, 2008.

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

R08NH

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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