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May 30, 2008

Dear Blue Bird Dealer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Corporation has decided that certain 2006 through 2009 model year Blue Bird All American, Vision and Micro-Bird school buses manufactured from May 03, 2005 through February 15, 2008 and equipped with a Ricon Corporation Series 1200, 2000, or 5500 series platform lift fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 571.404 S6.1 "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles".

The threshold warning system provided on these buses may not detect the presence of a wheelchair 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 vehicle lift door when the platform is below floor level. This situation could cause personal injury. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this noncompliance. A printout is enclosed with the body numbers of the buses that were delivered in your service area which may have the subject lifts installed.

To correct this noncompliance, Ricon Corporation kit #39979 must be installed. If you are already trained to perform service on Ricon lifts, the repairs can be done at your location. Ricon will provide the parts at no charge and will pay reasonable labor cost for each retrofit. You will need to call Ricon at (818) 267-3085 to request the required parts kit.

If you are not factory trained to service Ricon lifts, Ricon will arrange for the repairs to be done at your nearest Ricon authorized service center/dealer at no charge to you. You will need to call Ricon at (818) 267-3085 for information regarding the location of your nearest Ricon authorized service center/dealer.

Before contacting Ricon for parts, go to the Ricon website www.riconcorp.com and enter the serial number of the suspect wheelchair lift to confirm that it is in the recalled population.

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Blue Bird dealers that are also Ricon Corporation service center/dealers must file for warranty reimbursement directly to The Ricon Corporation. Blue Bird dealers that are not Ricon Corporation service center/dealers may submit warranty applications to Blue Bird VIA ClaimTrac (use create campaign/bulletin claim).

All claims must have the Ricon Corporation wheelchair lift serial number indicated in the text section of the warranty claim. Claims for correction of the noncompliance will only be accepted for wheelchair lifts with body serial numbers in the recall population.

It is the distributor's responsibility to verify that the correct owner name, address and telephone number is provided for each listed vehicle. Any corrections or updates should be made on BBOND. Addresses that cannot be updated on BBOND should be forwarded to the Recall Administrator.

If you have in your possession or have sold a vehicle that was purchased from another dealer that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Dealers are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications or repairs on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,



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