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May 30, 2008

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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 Installation 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.

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.

If you have any problems obtaining the needed repair through Ricon Corporation you may contact Blue Bird's Recall Administrator at 478-822-2242.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) that may be equipped with one of the subject Ricon Corporation wheelchair lifts are identified by body number on the enclosed yellow reply sheet.

When your wheelchair lift(s) have been corrected, you must complete the enclosed recall completion reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the pink postage paid reply envelope. This will prevent the mailing of a second notice.

If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

If the modifications/repair directed by this notification was performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall completion reply sheet and attached a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for reimbursement consideration.

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

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236
TTY: 1-800-424-9153
or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>

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

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION

Recall R08NA Completion Reply Sheet

When your Ricon Corporation wheelchair lift(s) have been corrected, please complete the form below and return to Blue Bird in the pink reply envelope provided. Completing and returning this form will prevent you from receiving follow up notices on this recall. Blue Bird will forward a copy to Ricon Corporation. Ricon Corporation will provide labor reimbursement of \$37.50 for each retrofit.

Blue Bird Body Number	Ricon Lift Serial Number	Description of Work	Date lift Repaired	Repaired by
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Form Completed by: _____
(Print Name)

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____