



R08NE

July 10, 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 Body Company has decided that certain 2001 and 2002 model year Blue Bird conventional school buses manufactured from April 19, 2001 through October 22, 2001 and equipped with optional flip-up seat bottom cushions delivered to Prince Georges County Schools in Maryland fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 571.222 S5.1.5 *Seat Cushion Retention*.

On the subject buses, the seat bottom cushion rear retaining clips may have been omitted. In the event of a crash, the seat cushion may flip up exposing the occupants to increased risk of injury. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this noncompliance.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R08NE are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets. 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.

Labor time required to install the seat bottom cushion rear retaining clips is 0.5 hrs (30 minutes) per bus. Parts required to complete Recall R08NE are being shipped no charge to you.

A qualified technician should perform this modification or you may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance. Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the **pink** request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope.

If the modifications/repairs directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall 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 warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

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

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Coleman".

Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION