



July 02, 2009

Mr. Ron Medford
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

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 on July 02, 2009 to the attention of Kelly Schuler.

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 R09PJ 34 Inch Offset
Leg Barrier Pad Noncompliance

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: July 02, 2009

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, 2009 and 2010 model year Blue Bird "Micro Bird" and "Vision" school buses manufactured from September 29, 2007 through May 02, 2009 equipped with optional 34 inch offset barrier.

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

69

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

Unknown

5. The noncompliance consists of:

Offset leg of barrier frame may have been located incorrectly and incorrect pad may have been installed on the 34" offset barriers resulting in a noncompliance to FMVSS S5.3.2 Leg Protection Zone.

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

On May 05, 2009 Blue Bird was notified by NHTSA that a 34" offset barrier did not provide the leg protection required by FMVSS 222 S5.3.2 Leg Protection Zone.

A review of our engineering specifications found the design to be correct. A subsequent review of the manufacturing process found the offset leg was welded in the wrong location. The review of the manufacturing process also found that incorrect barrier pads may have been installed.

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

The barrier pads will be replaced with a new design pad to meet the leg protection zone requirements.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about July 29, 2009.

Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about July 29, 2009.

Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R09PJ

10. Dealer and Owner notification:

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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Signed: _____

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