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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 on July 21, 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 R09PH Power Steering Reservoir Gasket

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: July 22, 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 2010 model year All American model school buses manufactured from May 13, 2009 through June 17, 2009.

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

35

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

100%

5. The noncompliance consists of:

Insufficient rivets were installed in rear headliner panel resulting in failure to meet FMVSS 221 Joint Strength requirements.

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

On June 12, 2009 it was discovered the rivet spacing on the rear inside headlining on the subject buses may not be compliant with FMVSS 221 Joint Strength requirements. Testing was conducted to determine if the installed rivet spacing utilized met FMVSS 221 Joint Strength requirements. Testing confirmed the rivet spacing was noncompliant.

On July 15, 2009 Blue Bird decided to conduct a recall to correct this noncompliance.

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

Additional rivets will be installed to comply with FMVSS 221 Joint Strength requirements.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about August 25, 2009.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about August 25, 2009.
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R09PL

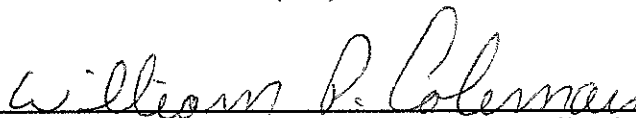
10. Dealer and Owner notification:

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: _____



William P. Coleman, Corporate Recall Administrator