



August 25, 2009

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

RECEIVED
2009 AUG 25 A 11: 22
OFFICE OF DEFECTS
INVESTIGATION

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 August 25, 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

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification: Blue Bird Recall R09PS SMI Stop Arm
LED Light Failures

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: 08-25-09

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 and 2009 model year All American, Vision and Micro Bird school buses manufactured from April 18, 2008 through February 11, 2009 and equipped with Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. stops arms with LED lights.

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

3,736

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

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

SMI advised Blue Bird it had received reports of premature 000290 LED light kit failures on its safety stop arms due to a wiring fault. SMI stated this condition is the result of a sub-supplier change to the wire cable that could cause a separation of the wires. According to SMI, should this happen it would render the LED lights inoperable.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the defect.

Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. has advised Blue Bird it is recalling "Specialty" brand school bus stop arms manufactured between March 31, 2008 and December 18, 2008 with SMI manufacturing date codes between J08030 and J08332, due to reports of premature LED light kit failures.

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

SMI will provide at no charge replacement LED light kits for each stop arm equipped with the suspect LED light kits.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about September 18, 2009
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about September 18, 2009
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R09PS

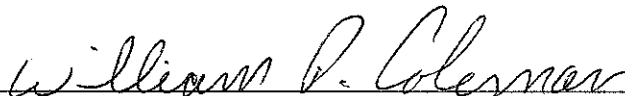
10. Dealer and Owner Notification:

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:

William P. Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Corporation
P.O. Box 937
Fort Valley GA 31030
(478) 822-2242

Signed: _____



William P. Coleman, Corporate Recall Administrator