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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 noncompliance report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on November 19, 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 R09PX FMVSS 210  
Noncompliance –Incorrect Information on Spare Tire Loading Placard

**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting  
Noncompliance Report**

**Report Date:** November 19, 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 2006 through 2010 model year Micro Bird single rear wheel model school buses  
manufactured from August 31, 2005 through September 27, 2009.

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

376

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

100%

**5. The noncompliance consist of:**

FMVSS 110 Section 4.3.4 c requires that, if the vehicle is not equipped with a spare tire, then the tire and loading placard should indicate "None" under the size and recommended inflation pressure. The placard listed inflation pressure for a spare tire that was the same as the front tire inflation pressure. Inflation pressure required for the rear tires could be higher than the front tire.

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

On November 02, 2009 Blue Bird received a report from NHTSA that the spare tire and loading information was incorrect on the Blue Bird final stage manufacturer tire and loading placard

On November 19, 2009 Blue Bird decided to issue a recall to correct this noncompliance.

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

Blue Bird will provide replacement tire and loading placard with the appropriate spare tire pressure indicated.

**8. Notification will be as follows:**

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about December 09, 2009.  
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about December 09, 2009.

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

R09PX

**10. 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, Recall Administrator, Blue Bird Body Company, P.O. Box 937  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*William P. Coleman*

William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator