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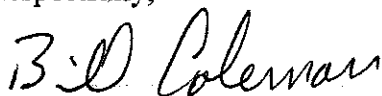
December 17, 2009

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 December 17, 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 R10RD Interior Rear
Panel Joint Strength Noncompliance

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

Report Date: December 17, 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:

Blue Bird 2010 model year All American D3 forward engine model school buses
manufactured at Fort Valley, Georgia, from August 13, 2009 through October 24, 2009.

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

223

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

Unknown

5. The noncompliance consist of:

The inside panels adjacent to the rear center emergency door may not comply with FMVSS 221 Joint Strength requirements. Adhesive required to meet FMVSS 221 was inadvertently omitted from these joints on the affected population.

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

During the review of a unit being prepped for sale it was discovered that the joint adhesive required to meet FMVSS 221 Joint Strength requirements was omitted on the joints of the interior rear panels adjacent to the rear center emergency door.

A subsequent review of the manufacturing procedures and process for the installation of the interior rear panels was conducted and it was determined the manufacturing procedures and process were incorrect.

On December 14, 2009 Blue Bird decided to issue a recall to dealers and owners to correct this noncompliance.

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

The rear interior rear panels adjacent to the rear center emergency door will be removed, adhesive applied and panel reinstalled.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification letters are scheduled to be mailed on or about January 29, 2009.
Owner notification letters are scheduled to be mailed on or about January 29, 2009.

Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

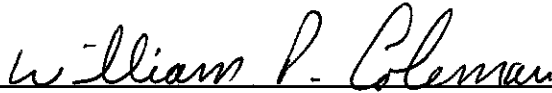
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10. A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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Signed:



William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator