



R09PD

**DATE: APRIL 07, 2009**

**TO: U.S. DEALERS**

**SUBJECT: RECALL R09PD INCORRECT BOLTS AND/OR SPACER IN  
ENGINE COOLING FAN**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on 2008 and 2009 model year "Vision" conventional school buses manufactured from January 18, 2007 through October 29, 2008 and equipped with Caterpillar C7 and C7 07 engines.

On the subject buses, incorrect bolts and/or spacers may have been installed to attach the fan blade to the fan clutch. As a result, the fan blade may separate from the clutch and potentially cause property damage or personal injury to persons in or near the front of the bus. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with this defect must be modified according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R09PD

If our records indicate affected buses were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected buses is enclosed. **Dealers should verify correct owners and assure that complete shipping addresses are provided for each listed vehicle.**

If you have in your possession or have sold a bus that was purchased from another dealer that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

**NOTE: If Service Bulletin S08NR has already been completed on a unit no further action is required.**

**Replacement bolts will be shipped directly to owners so bolts can be replaced, if needed, at time of inspection.**

Dealers should request replacement bolts for buses at their facility from Blue Bird Recall Administration. Dealers will need to provide the body number for each bus requiring inspection at their facility.

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Labor time to inspect for correct bolt and spacer installation is 0.1 hrs (6 minutes) per bus.

Labor time to install replacement bolts and spacer, if needed, is 0.4 hrs (24 minutes) per bus.

**If the spacer is incorrect you will need to contact Blue Bird Recall Administration at 478-822-2242 for a replacement spacer.** Dealers will need to provide body numbers for each bus requiring a replacement spacer.

Warranty applications for labor reimbursement may be submitted to Blue Bird iWarranty (Campaigns/Claims).

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Dealers are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,



Bill Coleman  
Corporate Recall Administrator  
Blue Bird Corporation