



R09PE

June 25, 2009

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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

Blue Bird Corporation has decided that certain 2003 through 2010 model year Blue Bird All American rear engine school buses manufactured from July 16, 2003 through April 10, 2009 and equipped with optional plug style vandal lock fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 571.217.S5.2.3.3.

The subject buses may be started and/or operated with the emergency door or rear emergency window vandal lock engaged. A locked emergency exit may result in personal injury or death in the event of a vehicle crash. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this condition. The subject buses must be modified according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R09PE.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by this recall are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the **yellow** reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

**To receive parts required to correct this condition, you must sign and return the yellow reply sheet to Blue Bird in the pink self addressed postage prepaid envelope.** Modification parts will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS.

**A qualified technician should perform this recall. You may contact your Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have this recall performed.** Or, if you prefer, you may perform this recall yourself or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall.

Labor time required to perform recall R09PE on buses **without** a pass-through luggage box is 1.3 hours per bus.

Labor time required to perform recall R09PE on buses **with** a pass-through luggage box is 1.5 hours per bus.

Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the **pink** request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope.

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If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and attach a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the **pink** self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

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

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

Or, you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236  
TTY 1-800-424-9153

Or, go to: [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV)

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

Thank you,



Bill Coleman  
Corporate Recall Administrator  
**BLUE BIRD CORPORATION**