



R09PM

September 18, 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 school buses identified below by model year and model, may fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection".

2008 through 2010 model year Blue Bird "Micro Bird" school buses manufactured from August 28, 2007 through May 07, 2009 and equipped with offset leg barriers.

2004 through 2010 model year "Vision" school buses manufactured from January 30, 2003 through May 07, 2009 and equipped with offset leg barriers and 2/3 passenger seats.

2004 through 2010 model year All American school buses manufactured from January 30, 2003 through May 07, 2009 and equipped with offset leg barriers and 2/3 passenger seats.

2004 through 2010 model year conventional school buses manufactured from February 01, 2003 through May 24, 2007 and equipped with offset leg barriers and 2/3 passenger seats.

The offset leg barrier frame pad and the 2/3 seat back pad on the subject buses may have been installed incorrectly or an incorrect pad may have been installed which could result in personal injury 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 R09PM.

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 inspect each barrier pad and each 2/3 seat back pad according to the attached instructions, record your findings on the enclosed "R09PM Recall Inspection" sheet, sign and return to Blue Bird in the pink self addressed postage prepaid envelope. Replacement pads, if needed, will be shipped "No Charge" to you.

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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. A qualified technician should perform this recall.

Allowed labor times for performing Recall R09PM are listed below:

- Labor time to inspect 1 pad is 0.1 hr.
- Labor time to inspect and repair 1 pad is 0.6 hrs.
- Labor time to inspect and repair 2 pads is 1.2 hrs.
- Labor time to inspect and repair 3 pads is 1.8 hrs.

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.

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
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