



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
10V-064

SUBJECT: IMPROPERLY ROUTED BATTERY CABLES

DEAR MR. COLEMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Blue Bird Corporation's (Blue Bird) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BLUE BIRD/ALL AMERICAN/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-064 **Mfg's Report Date:** February 5, 2010

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 207

Summary:

BLUE BIRD HAS NOTIFIED NHTSA ABOUT A DEFECT IN CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 ALL AMERICAN REAR ENGINE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 5, 2009 AND JANUARY 18, 2010. THE BATTERY CABLES MAY HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY ROUTED AT THE FRONT BOTTOM OF THE LARGE BATTERY COMPARTMENT RESULTING IN THE BATTERY CABLES POTENTIALLY BEING PINCHED BETWEEN THE FRONT BOTTOM OF THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT BOX AND THE EXHAUST MOUNTING BRACKET.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REROUTE IMPROPERLY ROUTED CABLES AND SECURE AND ANY PINCHED CABLES WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 26, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 1-478-822-2242.

Notes:

BLUE BIRD'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS R10RK. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or 202-366-5227, or by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement