



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

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NVS-215kjs
10V-629

SUBJECT: HYDRAULIC BRAKE PEDAL MAY DEFORM

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/VISION/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-629 **Mfg's Report Date:** December 16, 2010

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:PEDALS AND LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,001

Summary:
BLUE BIRD IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 MODEL VISION SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM NOVEMBER 13, 2009, THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 2010. ON SOME BUSES, THE HYDRAULIC BRAKE PEDAL MAY DEFORM UPON APPLICATION WHICH MAY PREVENT THE PARKING BRAKE FROM FULLY APPLYING.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION MAY PERMIT THE BUS TO ROLL UNEXPECTEDLY WHEN PARKED WHICH COULD RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE PATH OF THE ROLLING BUS.

Remedy:

BLUE BIRD WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 7, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BLUE BIRD AT 1-478-822-2242.

Notes:

BLUE BIRD'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS R11SV. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-423 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report does not satisfy all of the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6. Specifically, the report is missing the required chronology of events that were the basis for your defect decision, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 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 for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Timian".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement