



PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: 02-05-10

1. Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

Blue Bird Corporation
P. O. Box 937
Fort Valley, GA 31030

2. The following vehicles are being recalled:

Certain 2010 model year Blue Bird All American rear engine school buses manufactured from January 05, 2009 through January 18, 2010 and equipped with optional large battery compartment.

3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect are:

207

4. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect is:

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

On the subject buses, 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 muffler mounting bracket.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the defect.

On January 18, 2010, a unit being prepared for delivery was found to be shorted out due to a cable being pinched between the front bottom of the battery compartment and the exhaust muffler mounting bracket. An inspection of all units of the same model on site found six other units with the battery cables trapped between the bottom of the battery box and the exhaust muffler mounting bracket. Based on these findings Blue Bird decided to issue a recall to have all delivered units inspected for improperly routed cables and corrected if found.



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7. The defect will be corrected in the following manner:

Subject units will be inspected for improperly routed cables. Improperly routed cables will be rerouted and secured and any pinched cables found will be replaced.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 26, 2010.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 26, 2010.
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

9. Blue Bird's identification number assigned to this recall is:

R10RK

10. Dealer and Owner Notification:

A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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Signed: _____

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