



March 12, 2010

Mr. Ron Medford
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington DC 20590

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573, Blue Bird Corporation is submitting the attached defect report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on March 12, 2010 to the attention of Kelly Schuler.

If you should have any questions concerning the information submitted, please contact me at 478-822-2242.

Respectfully,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator

Enclosure: 49 CFR Part 573 Notification: Blue Bird Recall R10RR Tag Light Wiring
Connector Corrosion



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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: March 12, 2010

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 All American front engine model school buses
manufactured from May 13, 2009 through February 26, 2010.

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

421

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

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

The wiring harness for the rear tag light may be of insufficient length resulting in the harness being routed improperly and exposing the connector to the environment which could cause the connector to corrode. Corrosion could cause a direct short in the tag light circuit. A short in the tag light wiring circuit, which includes the headlight low beam circuit, could cause a sudden loss of headlight low beams. In the event this should occur while the vehicle is in motion the driver's vision may be impaired which could result in the potential for vehicle crash and/or personal injury.



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

On December 21, 2009 Blue Bird received a complaint regarding the tag light failure on the subject buses.

Blue Bird conducted a review of the tag light installation and found the tag lights received from the vendor did not meet design specifications for correct length of harness on the light assembly.

On January 25, 2010 Blue Bird began receiving and installing tag light assemblies with the correct length harness.

Upon further review it was determined that under certain conditions the low beam headlights may also fail if the tag light shorted out at the connector.

On March 08, 2010, Blue Bird decided to issue a recall to correct this defect.

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

The tag light wiring connector will be modified to prevent corrosion at the connector.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about April 12, 2010.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about April 12, 2010.
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

10. Dealer and Owner Notification:

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



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Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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Signed: _____

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