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CFR 49 PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: 06/29/10

1. Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

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

2. The following vehicles are being recalled:

Certain 2010 model year Blue Bird All American **non-school buses** manufactured from May 19, 2009 through July 17, 2009.

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

11

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

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

The weld around the IGEN3 steering shaft tube that secures the spline tube to the intermediate tube may be mis-located (i.e., not fully over the seam created when the tubes are pressed together). Mis-located welds may result in torsional and axial strength falling below acceptable levels. Failure of a steering shaft tube while vehicle is in operation could result in a loss of steering and creates the potential for personal injury or death to bus occupants or pedestrians.



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

On June 22, 2010 TRW notified NHTSA and Blue Bird that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain IGEN3 intermediate steering shaft columns shipped by TRW to certain vehicle manufacturers, including Blue Bird.

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

Owners will be notified to have the intermediate steering shafts inspected with a gauge to determine if the weld has been applied in the correct location. Intermediate steering shafts with mis-located welds will be replaced at no cost to the owner.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on July 29, 2010.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on July 29, 2010.
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

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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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