



BLUE BIRD

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May 04, 2010

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Corporation has decided that certain 2008 through 2010 model year Blue Bird All American, "Vision" conventional and Micro-Bird **non-school** buses manufactured from December 16, 2007 through December 21, 2009 and equipped with a Ricon Corporation Series model S or K platform lift has a defect that exists in the lift restraint belt buckle latching mechanism.

The restraint belts on these lifts were designed to prevent the lift from moving, unless the tongue of the belt is fully engaged and latched in the buckle. Ricon discovered however, that it is possible for the operator to insert the belt tongue into the buckle without fully engaging the latching mechanism. In this case, the restraint belt would appear to be latched, and the operator could run the lift. This situation could cause personal injury. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to notify you of this defect.

The body numbers of your Blue Bird buses which **may** have the subject lifts installed are indicated on the attached yellow cover sheet. You can enter the wheelchair lift serial number(s) on the Ricon website to determine if the wheelchair lift installed in your bus(es) is affected by this campaign. The Ricon recall number is 09E-060.

If your Ricon wheelchair lift serial number is one of the affected lifts, you should contact Ricon Corporation immediately by calling Ricon Customer service at (800) 322-2884 or by emailing Daniel Mata, Recall Coordinator, at dmata@wabtec.com or you can locate your nearest servicing dealer by using the Ricon Dealer Locator at the lower left of the Ricon Website www.riconcorp.com.

Ricon will be providing, at no charge to you, a warning decal and a DVD-based training aid to promote their "Click and Tug" campaign.

Attached is a recall completion reply sheet which must be completed for each body number/lift indicating the warning decal and DVD based training aid has been received, the decal applied and the training aid reviewed. This reply sheet must be returned to Blue Bird Att: Recall Administration. Failure to return the completed reply sheet will result in follow up notices being mailed.

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P.O. Box 937 – 402 Blue Bird Blvd – Fort Valley, Georgia – (478) 825-2021

If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow cover sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

If the remedy directed by this notification was provided for your bus(es) prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and return to Blue Bird Attn: Recall Administrator. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage paid envelope included with this recall notification. If there were cost associated with obtaining the Ricon warning decal and the Ricon DVD-based training aid you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for that cost. Include a copy of the invoice with the recall completion reply sheet for reimbursement consideration.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If after contacting Ricon Corporation, your warning decal and DVD based training aid is not received in a reasonable time and without charge you may contact:

ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236
TTY: 1-800-424-9153
or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION