



BLUE BIRD

R10SB

September 30, 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 has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2010 model year Blue Bird All American D3 model school and non school buses manufactured from May 13, 2009 through August 04, 2009. Your buses affected by Recall R10SB are identified by body number on the enclosed cover sheet(s).

The TRW-supplied IGEN 3 intermediate steering shaft assemblies installed on these buses may not meet design specifications. As a result, the steering shaft assemblies may separate at the seam. Should this condition occur, it can adversely affect vehicle handling and steerability with potential loss of vehicle control, which could result in a vehicle crash.

Only intermediate steering shaft assemblies with TRW part numbers and date codes identified in the enclosed TRW Service Procedure # COL-201 are affected by this campaign.

The subject buses must be inspected with the supplied check gauges according to the enclosed TRW Service Procedure #COL-201. Check gauges are included with this notification. Any intermediate steering shafts that do not pass the inspection must be replaced.

You may contact your Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have this recall performed. Or, if you prefer, you may perform this recall yourself or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall.

Labor time to inspect both TRW intermediate steering shafts for proper weld location is 1hr per bus.

Labor time to inspect both TRW intermediate steering shafts for proper weld location and replace lower shaft is 1.7hrs per bus.

Labor time to inspect both TRW intermediate steering shafts for proper weld location and replace upper shaft only or replace both lower and upper shafts is 2.4hrs per bus.

Owners or repair facilities must obtain replacement intermediate shaft assemblies by completing the attached "Recall R10SB Inspection Reply Sheet" and returning it to Blue Bird Recall Administration in one of the provided postage paid, pink reply envelopes. Completed inspection sheets may also be faxed to 478-822-2467.

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

Defective intermediate steering shafts removed should be returned to TRW according to the instructions provided with the replacement steering shaft assembly.

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

If the modifications/repairs directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and attach a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the **pink** self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

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 Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, 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 got to: <http://www.safercar.gov>

Sincerely,

Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY



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Recall R10SB TRW Intermediate Steering Shaft Assembly Inspection Reply Sheet

Please complete the form below and return to Blue Bird. If parts are required, be sure to include a street address, contact person and telephone number. Allow 10-14 days for delivery of replacement parts.

Blue Bird Body Number	Lower Shaft TRW Part Number	Lower Shaft Date code	Weld OK (Yes) (No)	Upper Shaft TRW Part Number	Upper Shaft Date Code	Weld OK (Yes) (No)	Date Inspected

Form Completed by: _____
 (Print Name)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Ship replacement steering shaft assemblies to:

School/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____