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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573, Blue Bird Corporation is submitting the attached noncompliance report. This report was emailed to NHTSA on February 10, 2011.

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 R11SW FMVSS 217
Noncompliance-Pushout Window Opening

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: 02-10-11

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 Blue Bird 2011 and 2012 model year All American model school buses and 2011 and 2012 model year "Vision" conventional model school buses manufactured from October 18, 2010 through January 06, 2011.

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

363

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

Approximately 25%

5. The noncompliance consists of:

The sheet metal rain visors over the pushout side window on the left side of the bus may prohibit emergency exit window from opening sufficiently to meet FMVSS 217 Emergency Egress requirements.



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6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the noncompliance:

On October 10, 2010 a new machine for bending the body frame bows was put into production. On some vehicles, the new bow profile caused the roof sheets to be slightly longer on one side than specified. This issue was discovered in January during inspection of the pushout window.

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

Each pushout window on the left side of the bus will be inspected for proper clearance. If a window is found to be contacting the rain visor, sufficient material at the edge of the rain visor will be removed to permit proper clearance. The exposed edge of the rain visor will then be primed and painted.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on March 10, 2011.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on March 10, 2011.
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R11SW

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: _____

William P. Coleman
William P. Coleman, Corporate Recall Administrator