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Claude Harris
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Mr. Harris,

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 April 21, 2011.

There are no non-school bus units affected by this recall.

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 Defect Notification: Blue Bird Recall R11TB Relocated
Fuel Filter Hose May Contact Transmission Cover_School Bus



PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: April 21, 2011

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 2009-2012 model years Blue Bird "Vision" model conventional school buses manufactured from October 07, 2008 through January 19, 2011 and equipped with an optional fuel filter located on the driver's control module.

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

507

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

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

Due to routing and clamping variations, the fuel line on units equipped with an optional relocated fuel filter may contact the body mounted transmission cover and chafe against the cover. This condition could potentially result in a fuel leak.

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

On January 14, 2011 a Blue Bird dealer reported that a Blue Bird "Vision" conventional style bus with optional driver's control module (DCM) mounted fuel filter had a fuel line that was contacting the body mounted transmission cover. Upon inspection the fuel line had a wear pattern where the transmission cover could possibly have contacted the fuel line.

On February 02, 2011, Blue Bird began conducting field inspections to determine the extent of this condition.

On April 12, 2011, the field inspections were completed. A review of the inspection data found that contact between the fuel filter hose and transmission cover occurred on approximately 64% of the buses inspected.

On April 18, 2011, Blue Bird decided to conduct a recall to correct this condition. Any units on property equipped with the optional relocated fuel filter were inspected and corrected, if needed.

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

The fuel filter hoses for the optional relocated fuel filter will be inspected for contact/rubbing with the transmission cover. Fuel lines found to be contacting or rubbing will be repositioned. Any damaged fuel filter hoses found will be replaced.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about May 25, 2011.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about May 25, 2011.
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R11TB

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