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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report-School Bus

Report Date: August 16, 2011
Revised Date: August 22, 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 2011 through 2012 model year Blue Bird All American school buses manufactured from October 13, 2010 through March 08, 2011 and equipped with Cummins ISC8.3 engines.

Certain 2011 through 2012 model year "Vision" Conventional school buses manufactured from October 02, 2010 through February 02, 2011 and equipped with Cummins ISB6.7 engines.

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

860

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

100% (based on Cummins Inc. estimate)

5. The defect consists of:

Cummins Inc. advises that the T-bolt included on the V-Band clamp assembly may be susceptible to fracture or failure when subjected to stress or load. A fracture or failure of the T-bolt may cause the clamp to loosen and the inlet or outlet sections attached to the DOC/DPF housing to disconnect. If the inlet or outlet sections disconnect, hot exhaust gases can vent prior to exiting the tailpipe, creating a risk of combustion or damage to adjacent materials. Reference Cummins NHTSA Part 573 defect notification dated August 08, 2011 for further details. Copy attached and therein made a part of this notification.

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

On August 09, 2011 Blue Bird Corporation was advised by Cummins Inc. of its Recall Campaign C1154 which included the subject engines installed in buses manufactured by Blue Bird as identified in paragraph 2 of this notification.

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

Cummins Inc. will install new V-band clamps and T-bolts without charge through its service network.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Cummins Inc. will be conducting the owner notification for this recall. On August 11, 2011 Blue Bird provided Cummins Inc. with final owner information from its sales record database. Cummins will provide NHTSA with Quarterly reports taken from its warranty system.

Blue Bird will also notify its dealers of Cummins Inc. Recall Campaign C1154 and will provide our dealers with a list of affected VINs.

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

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Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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Signed: _____

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William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator