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Mr. 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 noncompliance report.

This report was emailed to Kelly Schuler at NHTSA on December 01, 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 Noncompliance Notification: R11TR FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity Noncompliance



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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Noncompliance Report

Report Date: December 01, 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 2007 through 2012 model year All American rear engine school buses manufactured from April 12, 2006 through June 27, 2011 and equipped with a 60 gallon fuel tank.

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

Approximately 250

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

100%

5. The noncompliance consists of:

Bus fuel system failed to meet maximum fuel spillage requirements specified in S5.5 of FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity after a moving contoured barrier fuel system integrity test.



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

During a FMVSS fuel system integrity test on a 2011 All American rear engine equipped with a 60 gallon fuel tank, the tank return line developed a leak that exceeded amount of fuel spillage allowed in S5.5 of FMVSS 301 Fuel System Integrity.

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

To be determined

8. Notification will be as follows:

Date of dealer notification to be determined.
Date of owner notification is to be determined.

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

R11TR

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:

William P. Coleman
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Signed: _____

William P. Coleman

William P. Coleman, Corporate Recall Administrator