



R11SZ

June 23, 2011

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 Body Company has decided that certain 2007 through 2011 model year "Vision" model conventional school and non-school buses manufactured from October 23, 2006 through December 09, 2009 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS No. 105) "Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems" for buses equipped with hydraulic brakes and (FMVSS No. 121) "Air Brake System" for buses equipped with air brakes.

On the subject buses, the dash instrument panel ABS malfunction indicator light does not illuminate when the ABS circuit is disconnected at the main ABS module. In the event the ABS circuit is disconnected from the main ABS module, the bus operator would be unaware of the failure of the ABS braking system and the associated nonfunctioning ABS braking, which could increase the risk of a crash in certain circumstances and could potentially result in property damage and/or personal injury. Parts and labor required to complete Recall R11SZ will be provided at no cost to you.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by this recall are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed cover sheet(s). The cover sheets will indicate the type of ABS module installed on the buses listed.

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

If your bus is equipped with hydraulic brakes and was manufactured between November 02, 2006 and December 17, 2008 and equipped with the Wabco Type "D" ABS module you will need to have the ABS module wiring circuit only modified according to the attached recall instructions. These buses will not need to be reprogrammed. You may contact your Blue Bird dealer to have this modification performed or you may perform this modification yourself. You may also have this modification performed by a reputable local repair facility convenient to you. A qualified technician must perform the wiring circuit modification.

Reimbursement for labor for performing the wiring modification on the Wabco Type D ECU may be obtained by completing the **"Completed Reply/Labor Reimbursement"** sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope.

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If your bus is equipped with air brakes or equipped with hydraulic brakes **and not** manufactured within the dates for buses equipped with Wabco Type D ECU's, you will need to schedule an appointment with your dealer to have the dash instrument panel reprogrammed. Your Blue Bird dealer must perform the software update. The software needed to correct this condition on these buses is anticipated to be available to your Blue Bird dealer within the next 30 days. Reprogramming the dash instrument panel will be performed by your Blue Bird dealer at no charge to you. A qualified technician must perform the software update.

If the modifications 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 attached 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**

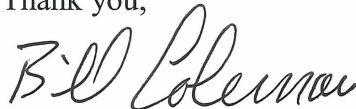
Or, you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236
TTY 1-800-424-9153

Or, go to: [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV)

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Corporation