



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

June 7, 2013

Mr. William Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Body Company
PO Box 937
Fort Valley, GA 31030

NVS-215KS
13V-226

Subject: Incorrectly Adjusted Brake Light Switches

Dear Mr. Coleman:

This letter serves to acknowledge Blue Bird Body Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
BLUE BIRD/VISION/2014

Mfr's Report Date: May 29, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-226

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:SWITCHES:BRAKE LIGHT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 346

Problem Description:

Blue Bird is recalling certain 2014 model year Blue Bird conventional (Vision) model school buses manufactured from March 11, 2013 through April 29, 2013 and equipped with Ford propane engines. On the subject buses, the brake light switches may not have been adjusted properly.

Consequence:

Misadjusted brake light switches may result in one of the following occurrences: the brake lights may remain illuminated after the brake pedal has been released; the brake lights may be delayed in illumination after the brake pedal has been depressed. Either condition may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Blue Bird will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the adjustment of the brake light switch. Any brake light switch found not properly adjusted will be replaced. This work will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on, or about, June 28, 2013. Owners may contact Blue Bird at 1-478-822-2242. Blue Bird's number for this recall is R13WG.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement