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From: Coleman, Bill <bill.coleman@blue-bird.com>
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 12:02 PM
To: RMD.ODI (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: Blue Bird Body Company Defect Report for Recall R13WT Bendix Hydraulic Parking Brake Lever Failure

Good Morning Kelly,

I have reviewed the attachment and need the following changes made.

Problem description second sentence should read as follows:

In the affected vehicles, **a component within** the hydraulic park brake pedal arm may not have been properly heat treated and may fracture causing the parking brake to release without warning.

Note: The parking brake pedal arm itself will not fracture. It is a component within the mechanism of the parking brake arm that may fail which will then release the parking brake.

Remedy second sentence should read as follows:

The recall began December 31, 2013.

As required Blue Bird's supplier of the subject parking brake assembly is:

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
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Let me know if you need anything else.

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