



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 5, 2014

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

NVS-215KS
14V-705

Subject: Fuel Filter Shell may Separate and Cause Stall

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/ALL AMERICAN/2015
BLUE BIRD/VISION/2015

Mfr's Report Date: November 3, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-705

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 934

Problem Description:

Blue Bird Body Company (Blue Bird) is recalling certain model year 2015 All American and Vision school buses manufactured from May 22, 2014, to August 2, 2014. The Cummins ISB or ISL engines in these vehicles may have been equipped with Fleetguard UFF-XT fuel filters, part number FF63009, whose filter shell may separate from the fuel filter nut plate causing the engine to stall without warning.

Consequence:

If the engine stalls unexpectedly there is an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Cummins will notify owners and dealers will replace the fuel filter with a non-defective one, free of charge. The recall began on during September 2014. Owners may contact Cummins customer service at 1-800-223-4583. Cummins' number for this recall is C1545. Owners may contact Blue Bird customer service at 1-478-822-2242. Blue Bird's number for this recall is R14XM.

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:

We understand that Cummins will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Blue Bird is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Blue Bird to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

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