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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573.6 Blue Bird Body Company is submitting the attached defect report.

This report was emailed to Kelly Schuler at NHTSA on July 21, 2014.

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 573.6 Defect Report for Recall R14XJ Propane Return Fuel Line Leaks

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

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49 CFR, PART 573.6 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report-School Bus

Original Report Date: July 21, 2014

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 2013 through 2015 model year Blue Bird Vision model school buses manufactured from December 05, 2011 through July 02, 2014 and equipped with optional Roush CleanTech propane fuel system.

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

3,406

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

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

Due to engine to body relative motion on rough roads, the return fuel line can fatigue which could lead to a crack in the fuel line near a support bracket. This could result in a leak of the propane fuel, which could lead to a fire.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the defect.

On June 30, 2014 Blue Bird received notification from Roush CleanTech, that they had received a limited number of reports of propane fuel odor while in operation. Inspections revealed that the fuel return line could develop cracks near a welded support bracket.

On July 18, 2014 Blue Bird decided to declare a safety related recall to correct the defect on affected buses equipped with Roush CleanTech propane gas engines. To date, no reports of injuries, fatalities or fires related to this condition have been received.

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

The existing fuel return line will be replaced and new fuel line support clamps will be installed.

8. Notification will be as follows:

The dealer notification letter is scheduled to be issued on or about August 14, 2014. The owner notification letter is scheduled to be issued on or about August 14, 2014.

Parts to remedy the defect are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R14XJ

10. Dealer and Owner Notification:

A draft copy of the notification documents will be provided 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, Corporate Recall Administrator