## \*\*\* IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL \*\*\* NHTSA Recall No. 21E-032

April 28, 2021

Blue Bird Corporation 3920 Arkwright Rd, Macon, GA 31210

## **Dear Cummins OEM Customer:**

We are writing to inform you that Cummins Inc. has determined that a safety-related defect exists in certain L9 and ISX12 engines that were manufactured between January 2, 2017 and October 16, 2020. Cummins has initiated a recall of the subject engines. Our records indicate that some of these engines have been shipped to you.

A copy of Cummins' initial Part 573 Defect Notification report is enclosed. This notification was submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on April 20, 2021. As more fully described in the Defect Notification, fuel rail assembly may develop leaks, which may result in an undetected prolonged diesel fuel spray. A leak involving spraying/misting fuel in the presence of an ignition source may increase the risk of fire.

Enclosed is a list of the affected systems that our records indicate were shipped to your plants. For systems installed in vehicles that have left your control, we encourage you to make a safety defect determination in accordance with 49 USC 30118 *et seq.* and, as appropriate, to submit a Defect Notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. Cummins will conduct the recall, including notifying owners pursuant to 49 CFR Part 577, performing the remedy, and submitting quarterly status reports to NHTSA. Cummins is requesting that you provide the associated vehicle model identification, VINs and owner contact information to facilitate owner notification. Please work with your Cummins account team leader to ensure that the requested information is provided to Cummins as soon as possible.

For engines/vehicles that are still in your inventory, please contact the Customer Quality Assurance at the Jamestown Engine Plant (for ISX12 engines) or at the Rocky Mount Engine Plant (for L9 engines) to arrange for repairs, as necessary. Please note that Federal law prohibits delivery of these engines, or vehicles equipped with these engines, under a sale or lease until this condition has been remedied.

Cummins will conduct a safety campaign to address this condition. Cummins is developing the remedy plan and will communicate it as soon as it is available.

Cummins apologizes for this inconvenience, but we are initiating this action in the interest of our customers' safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your assistance.

Please confirm receipt of this communication.

## Sincerely,

OEM Account Manager Cummins Inc.

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## Enclosures:

- 1. Cummins Part 573 Defect Notification
- 2. List of engines