



April 18, 2024

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL ACTION REQUIRED

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Blue Bird Corporation
455 Blue Bird Blvd
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Re: Orscheln Products L.L.C., NHTSA Recall # 24E-022

Dear Joanne Millar:

Orscheln Products L.L.C. (“Orscheln”), in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (“NHTSA”), is conducting a safety recall of certain park brake levers. The park brake levers subject to this notice were manufactured between October 1, 2022, and November 22, 2023, and with the part numbers below. The issue may not exist in each such park brake lever.

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Park brake levers subject to this notice can experience a performance-related issue. When the park brake is engaged, the secondary latch may not catch. If the secondary latch does not catch and if sufficient manual force is applied to release the park brake, this could increase the risk of a crash.

Given this potential issue, Orscheln is recalling the subject park brake levers. At no charge to vehicle owners, Orscheln will inspect and, if necessary, rework the park brake lever to reposition it to engage the latch. The recall remedy is immediately available. Owners of vehicles that contain the subject park brake levers will be asked to bring their vehicles to their chosen dealership service centers for the recall inspection and rework.

Orscheln needs your assistance to notify your customers and dealerships of this recall. NHTSA has approved for transmission to your end customers the recall notification letter attached hereto as Attachment A, to be sent in the envelope attached hereto as

Attachment B. Please note that this letter and envelope may not be altered without the express approval of NHTSA. Please immediately transmit this communication to all end-user customers.

Please also send the letter attached hereto as Attachment C, to notify each of your dealerships of this recall.

To discuss implementation of this recall, or if you have any concerns about the notification letters or process, please contact the Orscheln Quality Manager at 660-269-3916 as soon as possible.

Please note that it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment covered by this notification until the issue described in this notice has been remedied.

We regret this inconvenience. We at Orscheln are committed to the highest standards of safety and product quality, and our interest is in your satisfaction with our equipment. We look forward to working with you to enable this recall to be completed in a timely manner with minimal disruption to your customers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Orscheln Products L.L.C.

ATTACHMENT A



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

[DATE], 2024

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

This notice applies to your vehicle VIN: [INSERT]
[CUSTOMER ADDRESS]

Re: Orscheln Products L.L.C., NHTSA Recall # 24E-022

Dear [CUSTOMER]:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Orscheln Products L.L.C. (“Orscheln”) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Orscheln Park Brake Levers. The park brake levers subject to this notice were manufactured between October 1, 2022, and November 22, 2023, and with the part numbers below. The issue may not exist in each such park brake lever.

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Given this potential issue, Orscheln is recalling the subject park brake levers. At no charge to you, Orscheln will inspect and, if necessary, rework the park brake lever to reposition it to engage the latch. Orscheln can begin offering the recall remedy immediately.

It will take approximately 10 minutes to inspect and rework the park brake lever, if needed.

Please bring your vehicle to a dealership service center near you to complete the repair.

Should you have any questions, please call Orscheln Customer Service at (660) 269-3971. Please also contact Orscheln at this number if you have previously incurred costs to repair or rework your recalled park brake lever because the secondary latch did not catch, as you may be eligible for reimbursement.

In the event you believe we have failed or are unable to provide the offered remedy without charge to you within sixty (60) days after you seek a recall remedy, you may so notify the Secretary of Transportation at the following address: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or phone NHTSA's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153; or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>).

We regret this inconvenience. We at Orscheln are committed to the highest standards of safety and product quality, and our interest is in your safety and satisfaction with your equipment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Orscheln Products L.L.C.

ATTACHMENT B

Orscheln Products L.L.C.
ATTN: Recall Support
2000 US Highway 63 South
P.O. Box 280
Moberly, MO 65270

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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL INFORMATION



U.S. Department
of Transportation

Issued in Accordance
With Federal Law



NHTSA

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC
SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

ATTACHMENT C



[DATE], 2024

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[NAME OF DEALER]

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To discuss implementation of this recall, please contact the Orscheln Quality Manager at 660-269-3916 as soon as possible.

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Orscheln Products L.L.C.

Secondary Latch Rework and Verification Procedure

(Boot not included in photos for clarity. Rework procedure
can be performed with boot in place)

Secondary Latch rework

Secondary Latch rework Step 1: Ensure lever handle is resting in the unapplied position.



Secondary Latch rework Step 2: While holding the top of the lever handle in the unapplied position, push down on the back of the latch (hook) until it bottoms out. Then, release the latch (hook).



Verify function of Secondary Latch rework

Verification Step 1: - Move parking brake lever handle to applied position. Depress and release Secondary Latch Button three times.



Verification Step 2: - After depressing the Secondary Latch Release Button three times, with the parking brake handle in the applied position, push on the parking brake handle (without depressing the Secondary Latch Release Button) with approximately 25 pounds of force to verify that the Secondary Latch is working properly.

If Secondary Latch holds lever in the applied position, it is working properly so, you are complete with this procedure and no further action is required. If the Secondary latch DOES NOT hold the lever in the applied position, replace Parking Brake Lever Assembly

