

R06KW

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2006

TO: U.S. DISTRIBUTORS

SUBJECT: RECALL R06KW AMMETER SHUNT POWER CABLE BREAKING

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

Blue Bird Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 through 2007 model year Blue Bird "Vision" school and non-school buses. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with the defect must be modified according to instructions provided with recall R06KW, copy enclosed.

If our records indicate affected buses were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected buses is enclosed. **Distributors should verify correct owners and assure that complete shipping addresses are provided for each listed vehicle.**

If you have in your possession or have sold a bus that was purchased from another distributor that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

Labor time required to perform Recall R06KW is eighteen minutes (0.3 hrs.) per bus for installing new shunt base. Time for installing new shunt base and replacing the power cable is 24 minutes (0.4 hrs.) per bus. Warranty applications may be submitted to Blue Bird ClaimTrac (use create campaign/bulletin claim).

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Distributors are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator

August 31, 2006

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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

Blue Bird Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 through 2007 model year Blue Bird "Vision" school and non-school buses manufactured from August 05, 2003 through June 13, 2006.

The defect involves the ammeter shunt power cable. The original ammeter shunt power cable installed from the firewall to the ammeter shunt is too short and may break due to material fatigue from engine vibration. In the event the power cable should break, the engine may shut down while in operation. An engine shutdown while in operation could result in the vehicle coming to a stop in a potentially hazardous location which could result in a vehicle crash causing injury or death to occupants.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with this defect must be modified according to the enclosed instructions.

Note: To ensure a properly functioning ammeter shunt, this recall also includes upgrades to the shunt. These upgrades must be performed on each affected bus and are included in the recall instructions.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by this recall are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the **pink** reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

To receive parts required to correct this condition return the yellow parts request sheet in the pink self addressed postage prepaid envelope. Parts are anticipated to be available beginning September 14, 2006

A qualified technician should perform this recall or you may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance.

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Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the **pink** request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope.

If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and attached a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the **pink** self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
400 SEVENTH STREET, SW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236
TTY 1-800-424-9153

Or go to: [HTTP://WWW.SAFECAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFECAR.GOV)

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Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION