

R00DZ

August 24, 2000

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 Body Company has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Blue Bird 1999 and 2000 year model All American front engine buses equipped with Cummins ISC electronic engines manufactured from May 06, 1999 through July 13, 2000. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

The defect involves the wiring harness for the combustion air intake grid heater on the subject buses. The grid heater wiring harness may rest against the engine or engine components and chafe through the wiring harness protective loom.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety is the possibility that in the event of an abrasion of the wire harness insulation, a short in the grid heater power supply could occur and in turn result in a fire hazard.

You should have this condition corrected immediately. Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R00DZ 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 yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

To receive parts required to reroute the grid heater wiring harness, sign and return the enclosed **yellow** parts request sheet and return it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid reply envelope. Modification parts will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS.

R00DZ

Page 2

You may perform this modification yourself or have the work done by a qualified repair facility convenient to you. You may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance. 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. Time required to perform recall R00DZ is 18 minutes (0.3 hour) per bus.

Important: Your prompt return of the pink reimbursement sheet, complete with the correct Body Serial Numbers, permits Blue Bird to update the record indicating recall has been completed and prevents the mailing of a second notice. This is much appreciated. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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

1-800-424-9393

Washington D.C. residents may call: 202-366-0123.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (912) 822-2242.

Thank you,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

**RECALL R00DZ
GRID HEATER WIRING MODIFICATION**

1999-2000 ALL AMERICAN BUSES WITH CUMMINS ISC FRONT ENGINE

1. Disconnect the battery.
2. Inspect the wiring harness from the engine grid heater to the grid heater relays mounted on the electrical component bracket for any damage to the insulation. If any damage is found, replace the original wiring harness with new wiring harness (#0008539).
3. Remove Cummins bolt from left-hand rear of turbo inlet.
4. Install bracket (#0006378) in the direction shown in Figure 1 using Cummins bolt and torque to 18-ft. lb. Install insulated clamp (#1517168) around the wiring harness and attach to the bracket in the direction shown in Figure 1 using bolt (#1032283), flat washer (#2127173) & nut (#0829390).
5. Adjust the angle of the wires through the clamp to eliminate/reduce excessive forces of wires against insulated clamp.
6. Inspect fuel injector lines for any possible damage due to contact with wires. If there is any damage, or any concerns about the injector lines, have your local Cummins dealer replace as required.
7. Add a second clamp (See Figure 2) by:
 - A. Removing existing bolt & nut from the engine oil fill tube clamp.
 - B. Install clamp #1517168 around grid heater wire harness.
 - C. Attach both clamps to bracket by re-installing bolt & nut.
8. Inspect wire routing to insure that grid heater wires are not touching ISC fuel system components such as fuel lines, or filter. Adjust routing as necessary.
9. Reconnect battery cables.

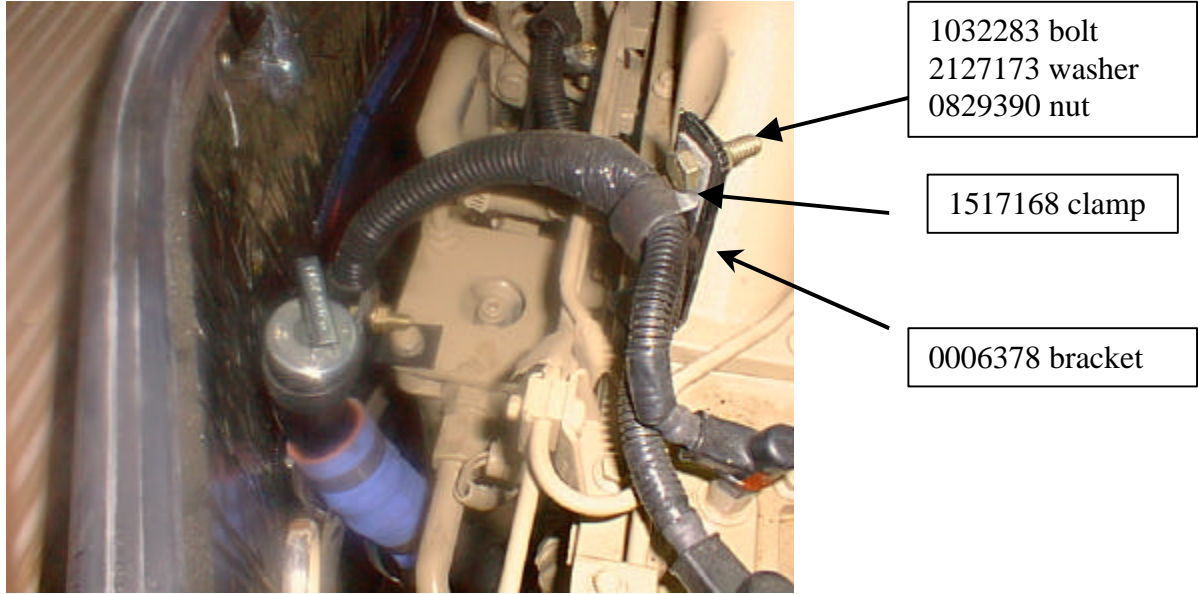


FIGURE 1

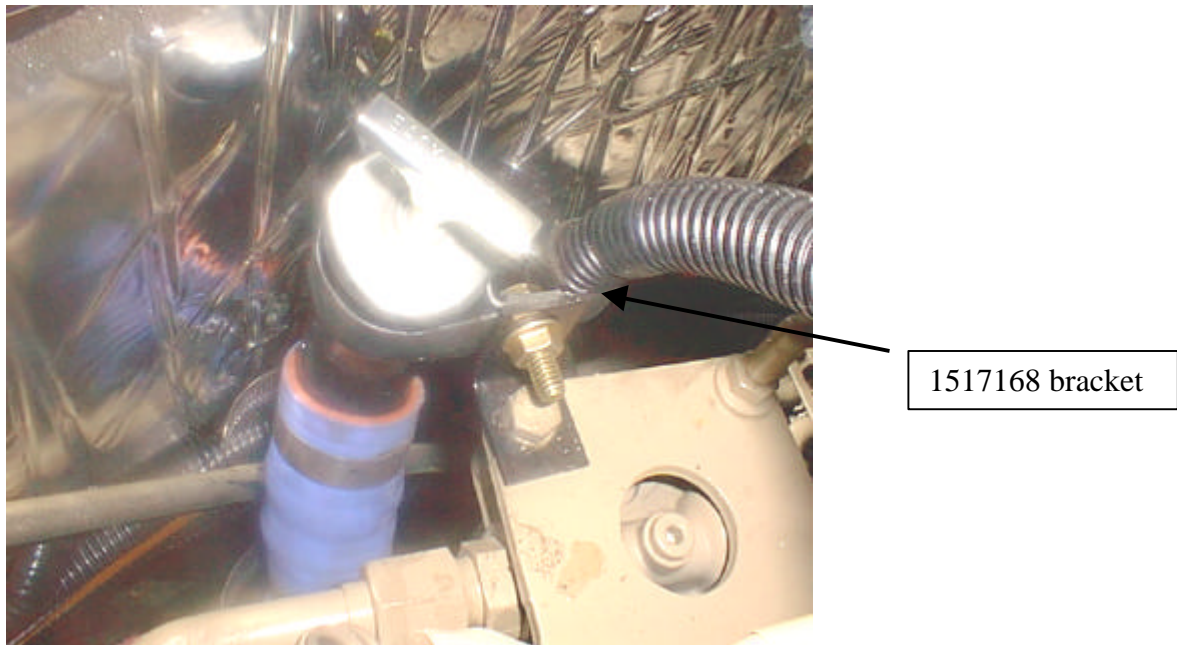


FIGURE 2