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November 16, 2001

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 2001 and 2002 model year Blue Bird All American and TC/2000 school and transit buses and Q-Bus and Commercial Series transit buses. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

The defect involves insufficient torque on air brake chamber mounting stud nuts. Subject buses must have the torque checked on the air brake chamber mounting stud nuts on buses equipped with Meritor air brake assemblies. Any brake chamber mounting stud nuts found with insufficient torque must be tightened to factory specifications. See attached instructions for torque specifications.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to this defect is reduced braking due to loose or missing brake chamber mounting stud nut (s).

Your Blue Bird bus (es) affected by recall R01FK 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.

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.

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Upon completion of the recall the owner should complete and return the pink reply sheet in the postage prepaid envelope provided. The owner may request reimbursement of labor costs by completing the appropriate section of the pink reply sheet. If repair is performed by other than the owner or a Blue Bird distributor, attach a copy of the paid work order/invoice to the reply sheet. Time required to perform recall R01FK is 0.5 hours (30 minutes) 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:

1-888-327-4236

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

Thank you,

Bill Coleman  
Recall Administrator

**BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY**

**RECALL R01FK  
MERITOR AIR BRAKE ASSEMBLY  
BRAKE CHAMBER MOUNTING STUD NUT  
TORQUE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Park bus on level surface and remove keys from ignition.
2. Chock wheels.
3. Check torque value on air brake chamber mounting stud nuts on left and right sides of both front and rear axles. Any air brake chamber mounting stud nut found with insufficient torqued must be tightened to 100-115 ft. lbs.
5. Remove wheel chocks.
6. Return completed pink labor reimbursement sheet to Blue Bird. A pink postage paid reply envelope is provided with owner notification for this purpose.