

R02FU

January 30, 2002

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 certain Blue Bird Micro-Bird **non-school** buses do not conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 225 pertaining to "Child Restraint Anchorage Systems". These buses were manufactured without an upper tether anchorage as required by the standard.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to this non-compliance is occupant in child restraint system may not be properly restrained in the event of an accident. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this non-compliance.

You should have this non-compliance corrected immediately. Your Blue Bird bus (es) affected by Recall R02FU 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 modification kits, verify correct shipping address, sign and **return** the enclosed **yellow** parts request sheet to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid reply envelope. Modification parts are available and will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS or common carrier.

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.

Upon completion of the recall, the owner should complete and return the pink reply sheet in the pink postage prepaid reply 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 someone 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 complete recall R02FU 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

**RECALL R02FU
INSTRUCTIONS
INSTALLATION OF CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM TOP TETHER ANCHORAGE**

1. Park vehicle on level surface and remove ignition key.
2. Chock wheels.
3. The tether anchorage bracket for the front child restraint seats must be located on the post between the second and third windows on both sides of the bus. Note: A decal with part number and description is placed on the back side of each bracket for ease of identification.
4. Measure 7 1/2 inches down from wire moulding. Mark centerline of bow and drill a 9/32" diameter hole. Locate bracket, part number 0047046 as shown below in Figure 1. Install bracket using one (1) washer, part number 1078922, and one (1) screw, part number 2000198.



Figure 1

5. The tether anchorage bracket for the rear child restraint seat must be located on the rear emergency door post as shown in Figure 2 below.
6. To install the bracket on the rear emergency door post, measure up from the floor 30 7/8". Mark and drill a 9/32" hole in door post. Align the edge of the bracket to the edge of the door post as shown in Figure 2. Install bracket using one (1) washer, part number 1078922, and one (1) screw, part number 2000198.



Figure 2

Parts List:

Item Number	Qty	Part Number	Description
1	2	0047046	Angle, Mounting, Tether, Window Post
2	1	0047047	Angle, Mounting, Tether, Rear Door Post
3	3	1078922	Washer, Flat, 3/8 x 7/8 x 5/64, yel, dich
4	3	2000198	Screw, 5/16-18 X 1 Hex Head, yel, zn, dich