

R05JS

July 15, 2005

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 decided that certain 2004 through 2006 model year Blue Bird "Vision" model conventional school buses equipped with hydraulic brakes manufactured from March 23, 2003 through April 25, 2005 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 571.105 *Hydraulic and Electric Brakes*.

The nonconformance relates to the brake dash warning light indicator. The original dash warning light indicator displays an International symbol on the brake warning light indicator whereas FMVSS 571.105 requires the words "BRAKE PRESSURE" to be displayed. The operator may not recognize the International symbol as warning indicating a problem in the hydraulic brake system which could result in the potential for vehicle crash should the warning not be heeded

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this noncompliance. Buses with the noncompliance must be corrected according to the attached instructions.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R05JS 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 and instructions required to correct this condition, confirm your correct **shipping** address, sign and return the enclosed **yellow** parts request sheet and return it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid reply envelope. Parts and instructions will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS. Parts are anticipated to be available beginning July 30, 2005.

A qualified technician should perform this modification or 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. Labor time required to perform recall R05JS is six minutes (0.1) hours per bus.

If the modifications/repair directed by this notification was 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

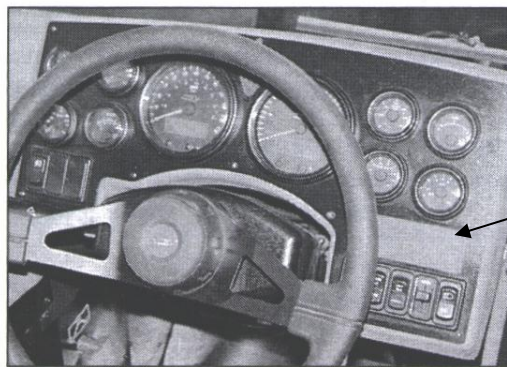
Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

RECALL R05JS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPLACING DASH WARNING LIGHT OVERLAY DECAL

- 1. Locate the 12-position telltale overlay in the lower right side of the instrument panel.**



Overlay decal

- 2. Using a sharp object, such as a razor knife, carefully peel one side of the overlay out of the recessed pocket. Take care to avoid damaging the front of the dash panel.**
- 3. Remove and discard the old overlay.**
- 4. Carefully peel the protective backing from the new overlay. Avoid touching the back of the overlay as this may affect the adhesion.**
- 5. Ensure the overlay is right side up by holding it up to the light.**
- 6. Place one side of the overlay into the recessed pocket and lightly press in the rest of overlay until it is evenly located in the recessed pocket.**
- 7. Cycle the dash ignition to ensure the overlay was properly installed.**
- 8. Rub the overlay to ensure it is mounted securely using a clean, soft cloth.**