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February 26, 2007

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 certain 2006 model year Blue Bird All American school and transit buses and 2006 model year Blue Bird "Vision" conventional school buses equipped with Ricon 5500 Series and 2000 Series platform wheelchair lifts fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 403 S6.10.2.7 "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles".

The noncompliance is the result of the inner barrier interlock switch system in the lift base plate not detecting the presence of a passenger (either in a wheelchair or standing) on the inner barrier and allowing the platform to move down more than one inch below floor level while occupied. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operation it may be possible for the wheelchair to tip backwards onto the platform if the user is backing onto the lift from inside of the vehicle and has the small front wheels fully or partially on the inner barrier when the platform is lowered. A person standing could lose his or her balance if they were positioned fully or partially on the inner barrier when the platform was lowered. Either condition could cause personal injury.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) equipped with a Ricon wheelchair lift is identified by body number on the enclosed yellow reply sheet. Your bus(es) equipped with the nonconforming Ricon wheelchair lift must have the wheelchair lift inspected and corrected by an authorized Ricon dealer as soon as possible.

Note: Blue Bird does not maintain Ricon wheelchair lift serial numbers. A reply sheet is provided for recording the Ricon wheelchair lift serial number and date of inspection/repair for each body number. When your wheelchair lift(s) have been inspected and corrected you must complete the enclosed recall completion reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the pink postage paid reply envelope.

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.

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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.

Your Ricon dealer will perform the inspection and, if necessary, correct the noncompliance at no cost to you. If you are not reimbursed, you may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance. Labor time required to perform this recall is 1.0 hour per wheelchair lift.

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 reimbursement consideration.

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 got to: <http://www.safecar.gov>

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

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION

Recall R07LK Completion Reply Sheet

When your Ricon wheelchair lift(s) have been inspected and, if necessary corrected, please complete the form below and return to Blue Bird in the pink reply envelope provided. Completing and returning this form will prevent you from receiving follow up notices on this recall.

Blue Bird Body Number	Ricon Serial Number	Date Lift Inspected	Date Repaired	Inspected/Repaired by

Form Completed by: _____
(Print Name)

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____