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August 12, 2009

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 2008, 2009 and 2010 model year Blue Bird "Micro Bird" school buses and 2009 model year "Vision" conventional school buses manufactured from September 29, 2007 through May 02, 2009 equipped with optional 34 inch offset barrier fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection".

The offset leg of the 34 inch barrier frame on the subject buses may have been located incorrectly and an incorrect pad may have been installed which could result in personal injury in the event of a vehicle crash. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this condition. The subject buses must be modified according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R09PJ.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by this recall 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 correct this condition, you must sign and return the yellow reply sheet to Blue Bird in the pink self addressed postage prepaid envelope. Modification parts will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS.

A qualified technician should perform this recall. You may contact your Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have this recall performed. Or, if you prefer, you may perform this recall yourself or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall.

Labor time required to perform recall R09PJ is 0.5 hrs per barrier.

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.

If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and attach 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
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE
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, go to: [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV)

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

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION



Barrier Pads

RECALL

MODELS AFFECTED: 2008 thru 2010 A1/B2VC Microbird and BBCV Vision with 34 inch Standard & High Back barriers with Inset Leg

ISSUE

Barrier frames may have been welded in the wrong location resulting in a noncompliance of the barrier pad to FMVSS 222 S5.3.2 Leg Protection Zone.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace the original pads with new pads to comply with FMVSS 222 S5.3.2 Leg Protection Zone.

WARNING Always follow all Federal, State, Local, and Shop safety standards and use proper safety equipment when performing this procedure.

PROCEDURE

- 1** Remove the handrail on the entrance door side barrier, then remove the trim at the bottom and the lower panel if so equipped.
- 2** On the driver side barrier, remove trim at the bottom of the barrier.
- 3** Carefully remove the staples that attach the cover to the frame along the bottom of the barrier.
- 4** Remove the barrier pads with covers, then, remove the covers from the pads. Discard the pads.

- 5** Install new pad with hard polystyrene board toward rear of the bus for both right and left barriers.
- 6** Reinstall cover removed in Step 4. Pull cover tight and staple to wood strip at bottom of barrier.
- 7** Reinstall handrail, trim and lower panel that were removed in Steps 1 and 2.

PARTS LIST

PART NUMBER	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
10011609	As Required	Pad, Barrier, Gusset Mounted, 34 inch
10011769	As Required	Pad, Barrier, Gusset Mounted, 34 inch High Back

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