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September 20, 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 1998 through 2003 model year Blue Bird LTC-40 coaches manufactured from November 21, 1997 through July 30, 2002 and equipped with a restroom in the right rear of the coach, do not comply with the requirements of FMVSS 217 pertaining to emergency exit decals. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

On subject buses an "Emergency Exit" decal has been placed on the right rear window behind the restroom. The decal designating the pushout window behind the restroom as an emergency exit must be removed.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety if the decal is not removed is, in the event of an emergency, passengers may be directed by the erroneous decal to an opening that does not meet FMVSS 217 requirements thereby delaying their exit from the vehicle. **You should have this decal removed immediately.**

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R02GF 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.

When the decal has been removed please complete the pink reply sheet and return it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope. Time required to perform recall R02GF is 12 minutes (0.2 hour) per bus.

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Important: Your prompt return of the pink reply 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