

R05JG

May 06, 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 Corporation has decided that certain 2004 through 2005 model year Blue Bird Micro Bird school buses manufactured on Ford chassis at the Brantford, Ontario plant from March, 2004 through January, 2005 and certain 2000 to 2003 conventional school buses manufactured on GMCV chassis at the Lafayette, Georgia plant from March 2000 through December 2002 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120 "Tire Selection for Motor Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars".

The nonconformance relates to the omission of the tire load range on the tire data area of the certification decal. Omission of the load range may lead to the installation of tires with load ranges not appropriate for vehicle use. A failure occurring in tires due to inappropriate load range may result in loss of control of the vehicle and vehicle crash.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this noncompliance. Special decals with correct tire load range data must be placed over the original tire data information. To receive these decals return the enclosed yellow reply sheet in one of the pink postage paid reply envelopes.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R05JG 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.

You may 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 R05JG is six minutes (0.1) hours per bus.

If the modifications 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



Tire Load Range Data *RECALL*

MODELS AFFECTED: Certain Blue Bird Conventional and Micro Bird Units

ISSUE

On some units, the tire size specification on the Certification Decals do not include the Tire Load Range suffix, which is required by federal regulation.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Affix the provided tire size decals to the existing Certification Decal.

PROCEDURE

1 Affix the provided decals to the Certification Decal in the locations shown:



MANUFACTURED BY
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

DATE OF MFR. 01/05

INC. VEH. MFG. BY CHEV DATE 06/04

SUITABLE TIRE - RIM CHOICE

GVWR : 4356 KG (9600 LB)

GAWR : FRONT 1860 KG (4100 LB) WITH LT245/75RX16 TIRES

16X6.5J RIMS. AT 345 KPA (50 PSI) COLD SINGLE

GAWR : REAR 2760 KG (6084 LB) WITH LT245/75RX16 TIRES

16X6.5J RIMS. AT 551 KPA (80 PSI) COLD SINGLE

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE U.S. FEDERAL
MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT IN 06/04

V.I.N. 1GBHG31V241236759 TYPE CLASSIFICATION SCHOOL BUS

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