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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington DC 20590

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573, Blue Bird Body Company is submitting the attached defect report.

If you should have any questions concerning the information submitted, please contact me at 478-822-2242.

Respectfully,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator

Enclosure-R03GT

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: February 12, 2003

1. Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

Blue Bird Body Company
P. O. Box 937
Fort Valley, GA 31030

2. The following vehicles are being recalled:

Blue Bird 2004 model year Wanderlodge M380 Motor Coaches

3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect are:

8

4. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect is:

100%

5. The defect consist of:

The rear service brake hoses may have been routed incorrectly which may bring the hoses into contact with the bottom of the frame rail resulting in abrasion with potential for leaks. In the event leaks should occur, stopping distance could be adversely affected when brakes are applied.

6. The following data is the basis for the determination of the defect.

Factory personnel discovered the defect during routine road test inspection. A review of Wanderlodge M380 coaches at the manufacturing facility indicated the defect could have occurred on the eight Wanderlodge M380 coaches that had been delivered to Dealers and owners.

7. The defect will be corrected in the following manner:

Brake hoses will be rerouted with additional clamps added to secure hoses away from frame.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Distributor notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 12, 2003.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on February 13, 2003.

9. Blue Bird's identification number assigned to this recall is:

R03GT

10. A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

Questions regarding this recall should be directed to:

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Signed: _____

William P. Coleman

William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator