



R03GT

03V-044

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2003

TO: WANDERLODGE M380 DEALERS

SUBJECT: RECALL R03GT REAR BRAKE HOSES CONTACT FRAME

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exist in the following 2004 model year Blue Bird Wanderlodge M380 Motor coaches.

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Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Coaches with the defect must be modified according to the instructions provided with recall R03GT, copy attached.

If our records indicate affected units were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected units is enclosed. Dealers should verify correct owners and that complete shipping addresses are provided for each listed vehicle. If you have in your possession or have sold a vehicle that was purchased from another dealer that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

Owners are being advised that they should have this work performed by a qualified technician or contact their dealer for assistance.

Time required to reposition hydraulic brake hoses is 1.0 hours per coach.

Dealers are reminded of their responsibilities under section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications/repairs on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

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

Thank you,

Bill Coleman

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator



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February 13, 2003

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The defect involves the routing of the right rear brake hoses. The brake hoses may not have been routed properly on subject coaches. Improper routing of the brake hoses could result in the hoses contacting the frame. This contact may cause the brake hose to leak which could adversely affect stopping distance when the service brakes are applied. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to this defect is the potential for loss of brake pressure at the rear axle in the event a hose leaks. This could result in a vehicle crash without prior warning.

Your coach should have the rear brake hose routing modified immediately according to the attached instructions.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R03GT 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.

This modification should be performed by a qualified technician or you may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance.

Upon completion of the recall, the owner should complete and return the pink reply sheet in the postage prepaid envelope provided. The owner may request reimbursement of labor costs by completing the appropriate section of the pink reply sheet. If repair is performed by other than the owner or a Blue Bird dealer, attach a copy of the paid work order/invoice to the reply sheet.

If the modifications/repair directed by this modification was performed on your coach 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 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.

Time required to reposition the brake hoses is one (1) hour per coach.

Important: Your prompt return of the pink reimbursement 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:

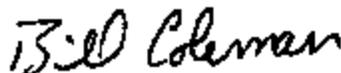
**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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**

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REROUTING REAR BRAKE HOSES ON
2004 MODEL WANDERLODE M380 MOTOR COACHES

1. Park bus on a level surface, apply parking brake, turn engine off, and remove ignition key.
2. Chock wheels.
3. Bleed air brake pressure down. Open the air tank drain petcocks (all three tanks). The two rear air tanks have remote drains that are located on the rear suspension crossmember just forward of the rear axle. The front air tank has a drain petcock mounted directly on the tank at the bottom. Once the air has been bled, depress the brake pedal until no further air noise is detected.
4. Locate and remove the four air brake hoses from the brake chambers at the drive axle.
5. Locate the spring brake valve mounted on the right chassis frame rail just forward of the drive axle. Rotate the two (2) 45-degree elbow fittings, item 4 on drawing 0045358, to be horizontal to the ground and facing forward as shown on drawing 0045358.
6. Remove the 90-degree elbow fittings at the service and spring ports from the brake chamber located on the right side of the drive axle. Replace with two (2) 45 degree elbow fittings (part number 2008282) item 44 on diagram 0045897. Orient the elbow fittings as shown on drawing 0045897.
7. Reconnect the four air brake hoses as shown on diagram 0045897. The hoses should create an "S" shape. Reposition the clamps item 47 on diagram 0045897 to insure the hoses are a minimum of two inches from the frame rails when the suspension is at ride height. Also verify that the brake hoses are a minimum of five inches from the drive shaft with the suspension at ride height.
8. Close the drain petcocks that were opened per Item 3.
9. Start engine and rebuild air pressure to operating level. Turn engine off and check all connections for air leaks.
10. After completing, remove wheel chock(s).