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July 10, 2012

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2013 model year All American rear engine model school buses manufactured from December 09, 2011 through March 09, 2012 and equipped with air brakes and retarder transmission.

On the subject buses, a plunger inside the foot brake treadle valve may fracture during brake application resulting in reduced brake pedal angle and travel. This condition may limit the driver's ability to deliver full pressure from the foot brake treadle valve. There is also a potential that the brake plunger inside the treadle valve could become lodged and not allow release of the service brakes. Either condition could reduce braking ability and/or lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

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 **pink** reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

Recall R12VF must be performed by a Blue Bird Dealer. You must contact your Blue Bird dealer to schedule a time to have this recall performed.

Labor time to perform Recall R12VF is 0.5hrs per bus.

When Recall R12VF has been completed reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the enclosed **pink** request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope.



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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