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

The enclosed information is submitted in compliance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573.

If you should have any questions concerning the information submitted, please contact me at 912-822-2242.

Respectively,

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator

Enclosure

Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicle Manufacturers
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

Date this report was prepared: November 1, 1999

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and address of the designated U.S. agent as prescribed by section 110(e) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

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

2. Description of recalled vehicles:

Blue Bird Body Company 1999 and 2000 year model Wanderlodge Coaches
manufactured from November 10, 1998 through September 09, 1999.

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

58

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.

100%

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance.

The carbon monoxide alarm provided by Atwood Mobile Products may not accurately sense carbon monoxide. Atwood advises, the potential exist that the Carbon Monoxide alarm may not accurately sense Carbon Monoxide. This can create a risk to recreational vehicle occupants.

6. **Furnish a chronological summary of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect.**

On October 19, 1999 Blue Bird received notification through the mail that Atwood Mobile Products was conducting a manufacturers recall (NHTSA #99E-033) to replace potentially defective carbon monoxide alarms sold to recreational vehicle manufacturers.

7. **Furnish the test results or other data on which the manufacturer determined the existence of the noncompliance.**

N/A

8. **Furnish a description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance.**

Atwood Mobile Products is notifying owners of the defective carbon monoxide alarms. Atwood Mobile Products will provide replacement carbon monoxide alarms. Blue Bird has provided owner names and addresses to Atwood Mobile Products as requested. Copy of Atwood Mobile Products notification attached.

Blue Bird will report completion rates on a quarterly basis.

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers.

Notifications will be mailed by: Atwood Mobile Products
4750 Hiawatha Drive
Rockford IL 61103-1298
800-780-6685
Contact: Carl Olson

Owner & Distributor notification dates to be determined.

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable):

R99DH

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. A draft copy of the notification documents may be submitted to this office by telefax (FAX: 202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Name: William P. Coleman
Title: Recall Administrator
Telephone Number: (912) 822-2242

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report:

William P. Coleman, Recall Administrator

Signed: William P. Coleman