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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis,

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573.6 Blue Bird Corporation is submitting the attached defect report.

This report was emailed to Kelly Schuler at NHTSA on May 29, 2013.

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

Respectfully,

Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator

Enclosure:

49 CFR Part 573.6 Defect Notification Report for Recall R13WG Ford Propane Brake Light Switch Adjustment



49 CFR, PART 573.6 Defect and Noncompliance Reporting

Defect Report

Report Date: May 29, 2013

1. Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

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

2. The following vehicles are being recalled:

Certain 2014 model year Blue Bird conventional (Vision) model school buses manufactured from March 11, 2013 through April 29, 2013.

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

346

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

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

On the subject buses the brake light switches may not have been adjusted properly. Mis-adjusted brake light switches may result in one of the following occurrences:

1. Brake lights may remain illuminated after the brake pedal has been released.
2. Brake lights may be delayed in illumination after the brake pedal has been depressed and brake force applied to the vehicle.
3. When a "Missing Brake Input" fault code is displayed on the dash the engine may derate.



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

During the week of April 21, 2013 Blue Bird received three reports of school buses exhibiting a "Missing Brake Input" fault code on the dash and immediately initiated an internal review and analysis.

On April 29, 2013, the results of the review and analysis found that a process change was made in production which resulted in the brake light switch possibly being adjusted incorrectly during installation.

A "Stop Delivery" campaign was also initiated to inspect and, if needed, re-adjust the brake light switch on all subject buses on site.

On May 14, 2013 Blue Bird determined that affected buses already delivered should have the brake light switch inspected for proper adjustment. If the brake light switch is found to be improperly adjusted, it must be replaced.

On May 28, 2013 Blue Bird decided to conduct a recall campaign to correct this defect.

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

The brake light switch will be inspected for proper adjustment. Any brake light switch found not properly adjusted will be replaced. Replacement brake light switches will be provided at no charge to dealers and owners of affected buses.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about June 28, 2013.

Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about June 28, 2013.

Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

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

R13WG



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10. Dealer and Owner Notification:

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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(478) 822-2242

Signed: _____

William P. Coleman

William P. Coleman, Corporate Recall Administrator