



R07LK

DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2006

TO: U.S. DISTRIBUTORS

**SUBJECT: RECALL R07LK RICON WHEELCHAIR LIFT
NONCOMPLIANCE INNER BARRIER
INTERLOCK**

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 certain 2006 model year Blue Bird All American school and transit buses and 2006 model year Blue Bird "Vision" conventional school buses equipped with Ricon 5500 Series and 2000 Series platform wheelchair lifts fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 403 S6.10.2.7 "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles".

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with the defect must be corrected by an authorized Ricon dealer.

If our records indicate affected units were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected units is enclosed. **Note: Blue Bird does not maintain Ricon wheelchair lift serial numbers. A reply sheet is provided to each owner for recording the Ricon serial number for each body number. This reply sheet must be returned to Blue Bird.**

It is the distributor's responsibility to verify that the correct owner name, address and telephone number is provided for each listed vehicle. Any corrections or updates should be made on BBOND. Addresses that cannot be updated on BBOND should be forwarded to the Recall Administrator.

If you have in your possession or have sold a vehicle that was purchased from another distributor that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

Labor time authorized to perform recall R07LK is 1 hour per bus.

Blue Bird distributors that are also Ricon dealers must file for warranty reimbursement directly to Ricon Corporation. Blue Bird distributors that are not Ricon dealers may submit warranty applications to Blue Bird VIA ClaimTrac (use create campaign/bulletin claim).

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P.O. Box 937 • Fort Valley, Georgia 31030
Phone: (478) 825-2021

All claims must have the Ricon wheelchair lift serial number indicated in the text section of the warranty claim. Claims for inspection and/ correction of the noncompliance will only be accepted for wheelchair lifts with body serial numbers in the recall population.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Distributors 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Coleman".

Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator



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February 26, 2007

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

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The noncompliance is the result of the inner barrier interlock switch system in the lift base plate not detecting the presence of a passenger (either in a wheelchair or standing) on the inner barrier and allowing the platform to move down more than one inch below floor level while occupied. In the event this condition occurs during passenger operation it may be possible for the wheelchair to tip backwards onto the platform if the user is backing onto the lift from inside of the vehicle and has the small front wheels fully or partially on the inner barrier when the platform is lowered. A person standing could lose his or her balance if they were positioned fully or partially on the inner barrier when the platform was lowered. Either condition could cause personal injury.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) equipped with a Ricon wheelchair lift is identified by body number on the enclosed yellow reply sheet. Your bus(es) equipped with the nonconforming Ricon wheelchair lift must have the wheelchair lift inspected and corrected by an authorized Ricon dealer as soon as possible.

Note: Blue Bird does not maintain Ricon wheelchair lift serial numbers. A reply sheet is provided for recording the Ricon wheelchair lift serial number and date of inspection/repair for each body number. When your wheelchair lift(s) have been inspected and corrected you must complete the enclosed recall completion reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the pink postage paid reply envelope.

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.

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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.

Your Ricon dealer will perform the inspection and, if necessary, correct the noncompliance at no cost to you. If you are not reimbursed, you may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance. Labor time required to perform this recall is 1.0 hour per wheelchair lift.

If the modifications/repair directed by this notification was performed on your bus 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 **pink** self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification to Blue Bird for reimbursement consideration.

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
400 SEVENTH STREET, SW
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 got to: <http://www.safecar.gov>

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

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION

Recall R07LK Completion Reply Sheet

When your Ricon wheelchair lift(s) have been inspected and, if necessary corrected, please complete the form below and return to Blue Bird in the pink reply envelope provided. Completing and returning this form will prevent you from receiving follow up notices on this recall.

| Blue Bird Body Number | Ricon Serial Number | Date Lift Inspected | Date Repaired | Inspected/Repaired by |
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Form Completed by: _____
(Print Name)

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____