

R07MJ

DATE: AUGUST 07, 2007

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: RECALL R07MJ CATERPILLAR OIL FILL TUBE RECALL

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

Blue Bird and Caterpillar have decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Caterpillar C7 engines installed in 2008 model year Blue Bird "Vision" conventional school buses manufactured from June 06, 2007 through September 04, 2007.

A manufacturing defect has been identified that may allow the oil fill cap and insert to separate from the tube, while the engine is running. If this occurs, engine oil may be emitted from the tube and may wet the left front brake shoes/pads. This could reduce braking capacity which may result in a situation where a vehicle crash could occur resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

Owners of affected buses are being advised to contact their Caterpillar dealer to have an interim repair performed. The interim repair will consist of two screws installed into the oil fill tube to retain the oil fill cap in the fill tube. The interim repair must be done until the permanent remedy can be performed. Buses with the defect must have the interim repair performed by a Caterpillar dealer. Failure to do so may affect your engine warranty

Subject buses must have the left front brake shoes/pads inspected for the presence of oil. If oil is found, both the left and right hand brake shoes/pads must be replaced. Brake shoes/pads must be replaced by a qualified technician.

Caterpillar will issue a separate recall notification letter the week of September 17, 2007 that will instruct owners to contact their Caterpillar dealer to schedule an appointment to have a new oil fill tube installed as a permanent remedy. Buses with the defect **must** have the permanent remedy performed by a Caterpillar Dealer.

A list of your units affected by Recall R07MJ is attached

Dealers are required to have an authorized Caterpillar dealer complete modifications/repairs on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

It is the dealer'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.

Caterpillar estimates the time required to perform the interim fix is 0.5 hours (30 minutes) per bus.

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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "B" and "C".

Bill Coleman
Recall Administrator



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September 06, 2007

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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Blue Bird strongly recommends that you do not operate your bus(es) in service until the approved interim repair and inspections have been performed.

You should immediately contact your Caterpillar dealer to have an interim repair performed. The interim repair will consist of two screws installed into the oil fill tube to retain the oil fill cap. The interim repair must be done until the permanent remedy can be performed. Buses with the defect must have the interim repair performed by a Caterpillar dealer. Failure to do so may affect your engine warranty.

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Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by recall R07MJ are identified by Blue Bird body number on the enclosed yellow reply sheet.

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 Caterpillar dealer will perform the interim repair and the permanent remedy at no cost to you. If you are not reimbursed, you may contact your Blue Bird dealer for assistance. Labor time required to perform the interim repair is 0.5 hour per bus. Labor time required to perform the permanent remedy is 1.0 hours per bus.

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 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.

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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>

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Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION