



BLUE BIRD

R08NM

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2008

TO: U.S. DEALERS

**SUBJECT: RECALL R08NM LIFT ENABLE INTERLOCK
 NONCOMPLIANCE**

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 through 2009 model year Blue Bird Micro-Bird school buses manufactured from July 27, 2005 through August 20, 2008 and equipped with a wheelchair lift fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403 S6.10 "Platform Lift Installation in Motor Vehicles".

On the subject buses, the wheelchair lift door brake interlock could be disabled and the bus could be moved while the lift is deployed which could result in property damage or personal injury. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this condition. The subject buses must be modified according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R08NM.

If our records indicate buses subject to this recall were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected buses is enclosed. **Dealers should verify correct owners and assure that complete mailing and shipping addresses are provided for each listed owner.**

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

Labor time required to perform recall R08NM is 30 minutes (0.5hr) per bus. Warranty applications may be submitted to Blue Bird iWarranty (Campaigns/Claims).

Dealers should request parts to perform Recall R08NM from Blue Bird Recall Administration for stock units or upon customer's request. Body numbers should be provided for each request for parts.

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

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Dealers 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 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
Blue Bird Corporation



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

To receive parts required to correct this condition, you must sign and return the yellow reply sheet to Blue Bird in the pink self addressed postage prepaid envelope. Modification parts will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS.

You may contact your Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have this recall performed. Or, if you prefer, you may perform this modification yourself or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this modification. A qualified technician should perform this modification..

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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.

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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
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)

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Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
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Lift Enable Interlock

RECALL

MODELS AFFECTED: 2006-2009 Micro Bird with Options 31047-01 Switch Lift Enable or 31048-07 Wiring, Interlock.

ISSUE

Lift enable switch can render wheelchair lift interlocks inoperative.

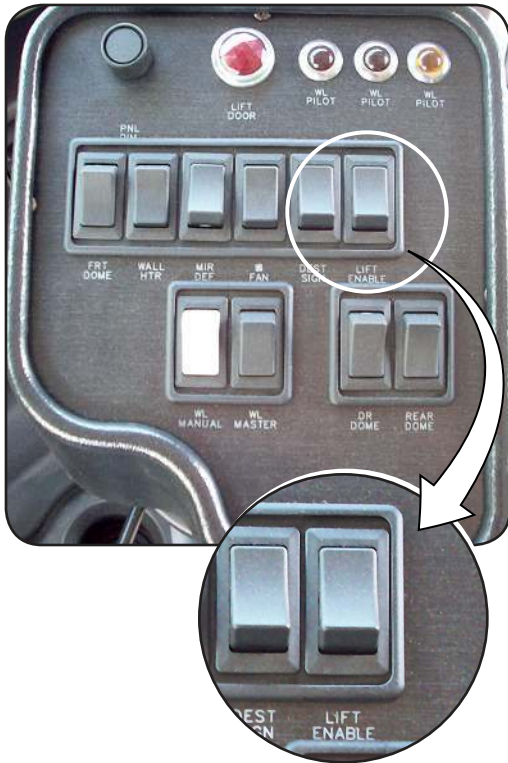
CORRECTIVE ACTION

Remove lift enable switch, butt splice wires and install blank plug in former switch position.

WARNING Always follow all Federal, State, Local, and Shop safety standards and use proper safety equipment when performing these procedures.

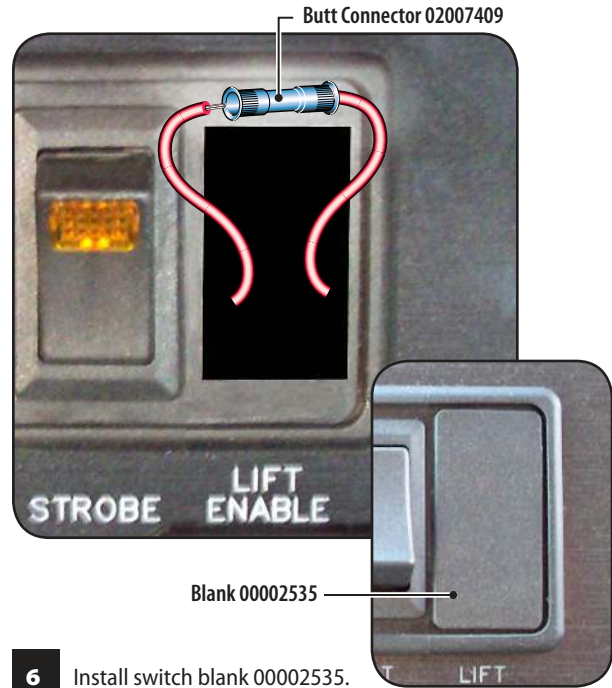
PROCEDURE

- 1 Park vehicle on level surface, apply parking brake, remove ignition key and chock wheels.
- 2 Disconnect batteries.
- 3 Locate and remove the LIFT ENABLE switch from the switch panel.



- 4 Cut the two wires as close as possible to electrical connectors,

- 5 Strip wires and install butt connector 02007409 connecting the two wires together. Push completed wiring back inside the panel.



- 6 Install switch blank 00002535.
- 7 Reconnect batteries and place bus back into service.

PARTS LIST

| PART NUMBER | QUANTITY | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|-----------|---|
| 02007409 | 1 per bus | Terminal, Butt Connector, 14-16 Ga. Insulated |
| 00002535 | 1 per bus | Switch, Blank |

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