



R09PX

DATE: DECEMBER 29, 2009

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: RECALL R09PX INCORRECT SPARE TIRE LOADING DATA

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

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that certain 2006 through 2010 model year Blue Bird Micro Bird single rear axle model school buses manufactured from August 31, 2005 through September 27, 2009 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 "Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles With a GVWR of 10,000 Pounds or Less".

The nonconformance relates to the data supplied for the spare tire on the tire and loading placard. Subject buses not equipped with a spare tire should indicate "NONE" under the size and recommended inflation pressure.

The placard, as originally installed, listed inflation pressure for a spare tire that was the same as the front tire inflation pressure. Inflation pressure required for the rear tire could be higher than the front tire. A failure occurring in tires due to inappropriate spare tire pressure could result in loss of control of the vehicle and vehicle crash.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this nonconformance. Buses with the nonconformance must have the tire and loading decal modified according to the attached instructions. **Modified decals are unit specific. No modified decals will be furnished without the body serial number or vehicle identification number provided.**

If our records indicate affected units were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected units is enclosed. Dealers should verify correct owners and that complete shipping addresses are provided for each listed vehicle.

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

Time required to perform Recall R09PX is twelve minutes (0.2) hours per bus.

Warranty applications for labor reimbursement may be submitted to Blue Bird iWarranty (Campaigns/Claims).

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

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.

Important: Your prompt return of the **pink** reimbursement sheet, complete with the correct Body Serial Numbers, permits Blue Bird to update the record indicating recall has been completed and prevents the mailing of a second notice. This is much appreciated. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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

Labor time required to perform Recall R09PX is twelve minutes (0.2) hours per bus.

Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the **pink labor reimbursement sheet** provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope.

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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 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 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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Thank you.



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
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FMVSS 110 Noncompliance Incorrect Spare Tire Pressure Data

RECALL

Models Affected: Certain 2010 Model Year Micro Bird Single Rear Wheel Model Buses
Manufactured from August 31, 2005 through September 27, 2009

ISSUE

The tire and loading placard may not be in compliance with FMVSS 110 S4.3.4c regarding spare tire pressure information.

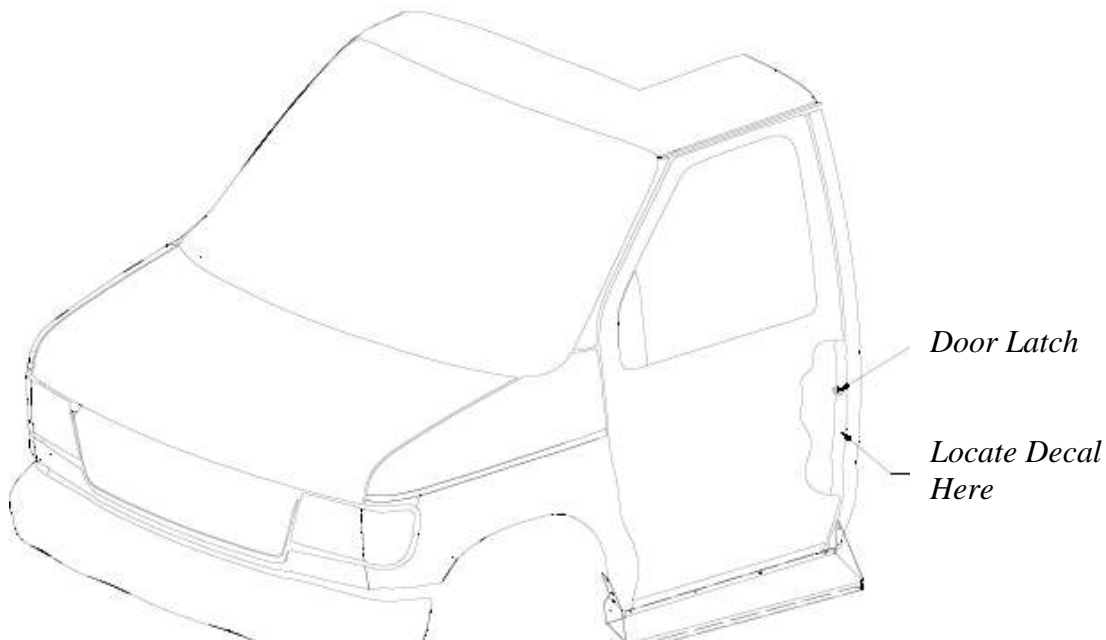
CORRECTIVE ACTION

A replacement decal indicating appropriate spare tire pressure as required by FMVSS 110 S4.3.4c will be provided to owners to install.

PROCEDURE

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

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface, apply parking brake, turn engine off, remove ignition key.
2. Open driver's door and locate tire pressure label as shown below.
3. Clean existing decal with damp cloth or paper towel and dry thoroughly.
4. Carefully place new tire pressure label on top of existing decal.
5. Return bus to service.



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