



R10RF

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2010

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: RECALL R10RF REAR INNER PANEL FMVSS 221 JOINT STRENGTH NONCOMPLIANCE

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

Blue Bird has decided that a noncompliance which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2010 model year All American forward engine school buses manufactured from August 13, 2009 through October 24, 2009.

On the subject buses, adhesive was omitted at the rear interior panels on both sides of the emergency door. Buses without adhesive fail to conform to the joint strength requirements of FMVSS 221 "School Bus Body Joint Strength". Bus passengers may sustain injuries in the event of a vehicle crash. Buses with this noncompliance must be corrected according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R10RF.

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

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.

Dealers should request parts from Blue Bird Recall Administration. Dealers will need to provide the body number when requesting parts.

Owners are being advised to contact their Blue Bird dealers to arrange at time to have this work performed.

Labor time to perform recall R10RF is 1 hour per bus.

Dealers may submit campaign claims in Blue Bird iWarranty.

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.

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 black ink that reads "Bill Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Corporation



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February 12, 2010

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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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.

You should contact your Blue Bird dealer to have this recall performed. If you elect to perform this recall yourself, you should return the yellow parts request sheet, with a good UPS delivery address, to Blue Bird in one of the enclosed pink reply envelopes. A qualified technician should perform Recall R10RF.

Labor time to perform recall R10RF is 1 hour per bus.

If you perform Recall R10RF, reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the **pink** request for reimbursement sheet provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed **pink** postage prepaid envelope.

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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Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
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Adhesive Omitted on Rear Interior Panels

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Models Affected: All American (D3FE) buses manufactured prior to October 24, 2009

ISSUE

Rear interior close-out panels on D3FE may not comply with FMVSS 221 Joint Strength requirements. Adhesive needed to meet requirement was omitted.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Remove rear interior close-out panels, apply adhesive and reinstall panels.

PROCEDURE

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

WARNING: Before using Magnobond 6375 adhesive, review the manufacturer’s handling instructions and cautions included with each shipment.

1. Read all instructions completely before proceeding with repair.
2. Park the bus on a level surface, apply parking brakes, turn off engine and remove ignition key. Chock wheels.
3. Locate the rear interior close-out panels **at both sides** of the rear emergency door.



This panel and same panel on opposite side of emergency door are to be inspected for adhesive

4. On some buses, it may be necessary to remove the rear most seats to gain access to the rear panels.

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5. Inspect the close-out panels for the presence of adhesive by sliding a putty knife, or other slim object, behind the panel between the screws. Loosen a few screws as necessary to aid inspection. If adhesive is present, you will not be able to penetrate the space between the joined panels. If inspection determines that adhesive is present no repair is required.
6. If no adhesive is present, remove the close-out panel by first removing the screws (12 per panel) that hold it in place.
7. Apply a .25” bead of Magnobond adhesive in the center of the mating surfaces for the close-out panel along or near the screw lines.
8. Reinstall the close-out panel with the screws removed in step 6.
9. Clean off any excess adhesive.
10. Return bus to service.

PARTS LIST

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>
10016412	Gun, Dispensing, 2 Barrel	1
10016413	Nozzle, Mixing, Static	1
10016411	Adhesive, Joint, Magnobond 200ML/200ML	*1

*One double tube of Magnobond Adhesive will do approximately 5 buses.

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