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September 27, 2002

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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 been notified by Amsafe Commercial Products that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in their retractable passenger seat belts which were installed on certain 2001 through 2003 model year Blue Bird All American, TC/2000, Conventional and Micro Bird school and transit buses and Commercial Series transit buses. Affected buses were manufactured from May 13, 2000 through June 25, 2002. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

The defect is such that on some seat belts the cover halves for the retractable portion of the belt can separate completely and release the seat belt connector.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety is the possibility that if this occurs, one of the load bearing pins in the connector could separate from the connector and render the seat belt unusable.

**This defect is corrected with the installation of snap on over covers installed over the retractable seat belt assembly. You should have this defect corrected as soon as possible. Instructions will be provided with the seat belt over covers.**

Your Blue Bird bus(es) equipped with retractable passenger seat belts affected by recall R02GG are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets.

If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the right top section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

To receive seat belt assembly over covers, indicate the number of covers needed on the yellow reply sheet, sign and return it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid reply envelope. If a street address is not on your yellow reply sheet please write in your shipping address. The over covers will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS.

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You may perform this modification yourself or have the work done by a qualified repair facility convenient to you. You may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance. 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. Time required to perform recall R02GG is 1 hour per bus.

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.

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  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236

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

Thank you,

Bill Coleman  
Recall Administrator  
**BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY**