



**BLUE BIRD**

**R08NG**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

**TO: U.S. DEALERS**

**SUBJECT: RECALL R08NG CATERPILLAR C7 FUEL PUMP CHECK PLUG  
RECALL**

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles it manufactured equipped with Caterpillar C7 engines. This decision was based on information provided by Caterpillar Inc. that a defect exists in their C7 engines installed in 2008 and 2009 model year Blue Bird All American school buses and Blue Bird "Vision" conventional school buses manufactured from May 23, 2007 through July 08, 2008.

Caterpillar notified Blue Bird that certain C7 engines may develop a crack in the fuel pump outlet check plug. Caterpillar advises that a cracked fuel pump outlet check plug may cause fuel to spray and leak out of the crack which, in the presence of an ignition source, could be a potential fire hazard. An engine de-rate may be experienced and a check engine lamp or an engine protection lamp may also be activated.

Caterpillar is conducting a voluntary recall to correct this defect and will be mailing notification letters to owners. Buses with the defect must be corrected by a Caterpillar dealer.

**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. A list of your units affected by Recall R08NG is attached.**

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 dealer that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242.

Caterpillar estimates the time required to perform the fuel pump modification is approximately 0.5 hours (30 minutes) per bus.

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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.

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, flowing style.

Bill Coleman  
Corporate Recall Administrator  
Blue Bird Corporation