

R08MW

March 14, 2008

Dear 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 ("Blue Bird") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 through 2007 model year Blue Bird Wanderlodge M450 LXi motor homes manufactured from March 10, 2004, through September 27, 2006.

On certain motor homes, the tie rod assemblies may not meet design specifications. On some motor homes, the front axle curb weight may have exceeded the 16,000 pound front axle weight rating at the time of manufacture, or, it may subsequently exceed 16,000 pounds while in service under reasonable loading conditions.

Blue Bird has determined that separately or in concert, at higher mileage (over 100,000 miles) the existing tie rod assemblies may not perform as designed and may deform or fracture which may reduce steering control and may result in a vehicle crash.

In addition, Blue Bird has become aware that owners may not be operating their motor homes with the proper tire inflation pressure, and/or, the front suspension not in proper alignment. Insufficient front tire pressure will reduce the weight rating of the front tires on your motor home. Improper alignment of the front suspension can cause premature tire wear and degrade the structural integrity of the affected tires. Under either of these conditions a tire failure may occur which could result in a vehicle crash.

Therefore, Blue Bird is directing that the actions described in Attachment I be performed immediately.

**It is imperative that the front tire pressure be increased to 130 psi and maintained to insure proper tire performance.**

Your motor home affected by recall R08MW is identified by body serial number on the enclosed yellow reply sheet. If you no longer own the subject motor home, please complete the appropriate section of the reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your motor home prior to the receipt of this recall notification, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the subject matter of this recall. You will need to mail a copy of the work order/invoice to Blue Bird Body Company, P.O. Box 297, Fort Valley GA 3103 Attn: Recall Administrator. 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.

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

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>

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

Sincerely,



Bill Coleman  
Corporate Recall Administrator  
Blue Bird Corporation

**Owner Instructions**

At no cost to the owner, the following actions should be taken immediately.

1. We are asking that you proceed to the nearest secure camping or storage facility and do not continue driving your motor home.
2. Contact Macy Neshati at Complete Coach Work (phone: 951-836-6525) and provide the following information:
  - Name
  - Location of your motor home
  - Body number of your motor home
  - Vehicle odometer
3. Arrangements will be made for the front tires to be replaced on-site at the location of your motor home with new appropriate Michelin tires.
4. The motor home should then be driven to an approved commercial tire dealership where the front tires will be balanced, the front tire pressure set at 130 psi, and the front end alignment checked. If necessary, the front end will be re-aligned.
5. The motor home must be taken to a commercial weigh scale and the following weights taken:
  - Independent front suspension ("front axle") weight
  - Rear drive and tag axle combined weight
  - Total vehicle weight

The fuel and fresh water tanks should be full and the black and grey water tanks should be empty before the weights are taken. Weight tickets should be forwarded to:

Blue Bird Body Company,  
Attn: Recall Administrator,  
P.O. Box 937,  
Fort Valley GA 31030.

Copies may also be faxed to 478-822-2467.

6. If the weight being supported by the front axle is over 17,000 pounds, the motor home must have the weight redistributed or off-loaded to either a tow vehicle or a rental trailer when the front axle weight (with driver and passenger) is below 17,000 pounds, the motor home can be put back into operation.

If the front axle weight cannot be reduced below 17,000 pounds, then the motor home should not be driven and Blue Bird will be contacted to arrange for the motor home to be transported to either Complete Coach Works in Riverside, California, or to Complete Coach Works in Ft. Valley, Georgia. Travel expenses for the occupants to return home will be reimbursed.

If the front axle weight with driver and passenger is below 17,000 pounds, and the front tires balanced and properly aligned, then the vehicle should be driven directly to either Complete Coach Works facility identified above.

7. At the Complete Coach Works facility the following actions will be taken:
- The front suspension tie rod assemblies will be replaced
  - The front suspension alignment verified
  - New vehicle certification label will be applied with front axle weight rating increased to 17,000 pounds
  - Labels containing loading instructions for the three storage bays will be applied
  - A new Tire Inflation 450LXi label will be applied inside the front storage bay

If your motor home requires transportation to a Complete Coach Works facility because the front axle weight could not be reduced to an amount less than 17,000 pounds an evaluation will be made to determine if any further actions can be taken to reduce the weight on the front axle.

If no further actions can be made to reduce the front axle weight, then you will be instructed to discontinue use of the motor home until a redesigned front axle and associated steering components can be installed. The expected date when these redesigned components will be available is December, 2008. Secure storage arrangements will be made for your motor home until it can be reintroduced in to operation. You will be notified by Blue Bird when the redesigned front suspension and steering components will be installed.