

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL \*\*\***  
**NHTSA Recall No. 19E-040**

June 17th, 2019

[REDACTED]  
Blue Bird Corporation  
3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 200  
Macon, Georgia 31210

Dear [REDACTED]:

We are writing to inform you that Cummins Inc. has determined that a safety-related defect exists in certain Power Drive 7000 EV Vehicle Control Units (VCU) that were manufactured between June 7, 2018 and June 3, 2019. Cummins has initiated a recall of the subject Vehicle Control Units. Our records indicate that all of these Vehicle Control Units were shipped to you.

A copy of Cummins' initial Part 573 Defect Notification report is enclosed. This notification was submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on June 13, 2019. As more fully described in the Defect Notification, the VCU may unexpectedly command off the high voltage contactors, resulting in loss of all systems powered by high voltage, including the traction drive system and power steering. This loss of motive power and loss of power steering may increase the risk of a crash.

Enclosed is a list of Vehicle Control Units that our records indicate were shipped to your plants. For Vehicle Control Units installed in vehicles that have left your control, we encourage you to make a safety defect determination in accordance with 49 USC 30118 *et seq.* and, as appropriate, to submit a Defect Notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. Cummins will conduct the recall, including notifying owners pursuant to 49 CFR Part 577, performing the remedy, and submitting quarterly status reports to NHTSA. Cummins is requesting that you provide the associated vehicle model identification, VINs and owner contact information to facilitate owner notification. Please work with your Cummins account team leader to ensure that the requested information is provided to Cummins as soon as possible.

For VCUs/vehicles that are still in your inventory, please contact Tim Mead on 252-437-6611 to arrange for repairs. Please note that Federal law prohibits delivery of these VCUs, or vehicles equipped with these VCUs, under a sale or lease until this condition has been remedied.

Cummins is working to finalize the software update to address this condition and will communicate further this as soon as it is available.

Cummins apologizes for this inconvenience, but we are initiating this action in the interest of our customers' safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your assistance.

Please confirm receipt of this communication.

Sincerely,

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Cummins Inc.

Enclosures:

1. Cummins Part 573 Defect Notification
2. List of Vehicle Control Units