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May 25, 2011

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 has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2009 through 2012 model year "Vision" model conventional style school buses manufactured from October 07, 2008 through January 19, 2011.

On buses equipped with optional relocated fuel filter, mounted on the driver's control module, the fuel line may not be properly routed and may contact the body mounted transmission access cover and chafe against the cover. This condition could potentially result in a fuel leak which could possibly result in a fire. Buses with this defect must be modified according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R11TB.

You may contact your Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have this recall performed. Or, if you prefer, you may perform this recall yourself or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall.

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 sold to section of the **labor reimbursement** sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

To receive parts, if required, to correct this condition, you must return the yellow recall reply sheet to Blue Bird in the pink, self addressed, postage prepaid envelope. Be sure to provide a valid shipping address as UPS does not deliver to P.O. Boxes.

Labor time to inspect the routing of the fuel line for proper clearance is 0.1 hrs (6 minutes) per bus.

Labor time to inspect fuel line for proper clearance and, if needed, install standoff bracket at transmission is 0.3 hours (18 minutes) per bus.

Labor time to inspect and reposition hose only is 0.3 hours (18 minutes) per bus.

Labor time to inspect fuel line for proper clearance, install standoff bracket at transmission and reposition hoses is 0.5 hours (30 minutes) per bus.

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Reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the “**Completed Reply/Labor 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 attach 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.

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](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV)

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

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION



Engine Compartment Mounted Fuel Filter Hose Routing

RECALL

Models Affected: 2009 through 2012 Model Year Blue Bird Vision buses with optional Engine Compartment Fuel Filter Features 4023313 and 4023314

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Fuel hose may be in contact with transmission body access cover and other components in the engine compartment area.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace mounting bracket to lower fuel hose away from transmission body access cover. Inspect and correct fuel line routing.

PROCEDURE

WARNING: Always follow all Federal, State, Local and Shop safety standards and use proper safety equipment when performing these procedures. Thoroughly read and understand all instructions before performing this procedure.

1. Park bus on a level surface, apply parking brake, turn off engine, remove ignition key, chock wheels and disconnect battery when working under the vehicle.
2. Inspect the fuel lines for interference with the transmission body floor access cover on the left hand side of the vehicle, under the driver's seat, at the top of the transmission. Minimum of .25 inch clearance is required. (Fig. 1) This is also visible from above the engine.
3. If necessary, replace existing bracket with new bracket (00111133) behind the engine near top of transmission to lower fuel lines. Use existing fasteners and saddle with new tie straps provided to secure fuel lines. (Fig. 2)

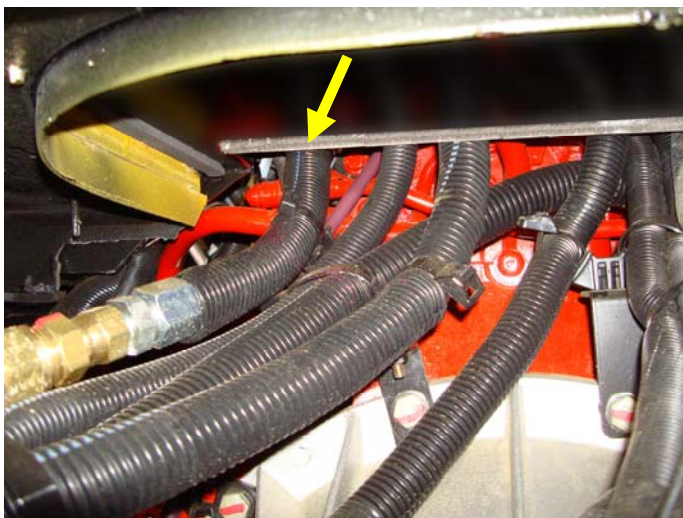


Fig. 1

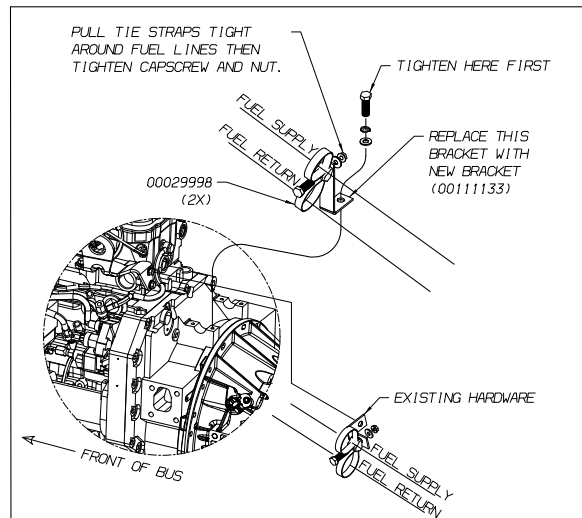


Fig. 2

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With Feature 40233-13 FILTER,FUEL,DAVCO 382

4. Inspect fuel lines as they pass by the steering shaft then back to top of transmission. Adjust fuel hose if necessary so that there is a minimum of .50 inches clearance to steering shaft. Rotate hose toward driver control module, away from steering shaft knuckle. (Fig. 3)
5. Secure fuel hose in this area with tie strap to existing mount. (Fig. 4)



Fig. 3

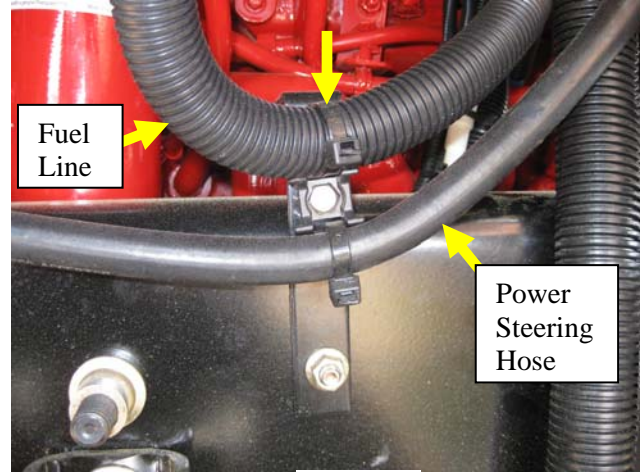


Fig. 4

With Feature 40233-14 FUEL FILTER,RELOCATE ON DCM

6. Inspect fuel line as it passes *under* the steering shaft then back to the top of the transmission.
7. Adjust fuel hose if necessary so that there is a minimum of .25 inches clearance to the steering shaft. Secure fuel hose in this area with tie straps (Fig. 5)

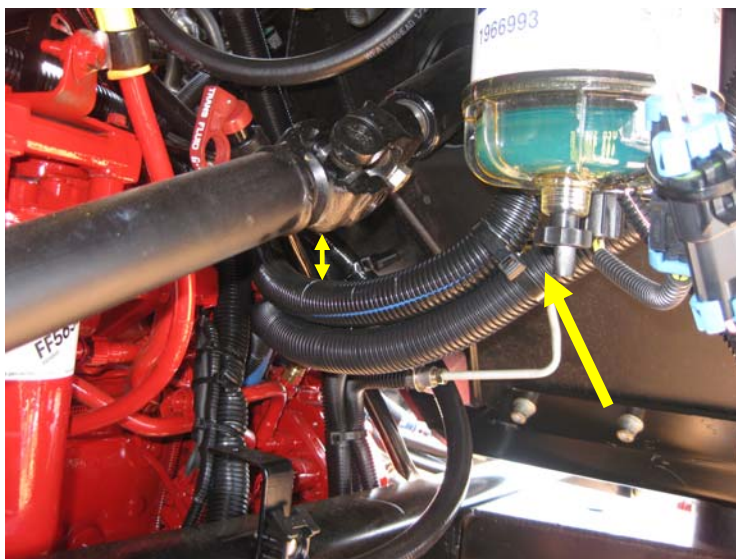


Fig. 5

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Feature 40233-13 & 40233-14

8. Inspect and provide clearance between fuel line and air lines with swivel and tie straps. (Fig. 6)
9. Inspect and provide clearance between fuel line and both power steering lines with swivel and tie straps. (Only one shown in Fig. 7)
10. Inspect and provide clearance between fuel line and transmission dipstick tube above transmission. Secure fuel hose to dipstick tube with swivel and tie straps. (Fig. 8)

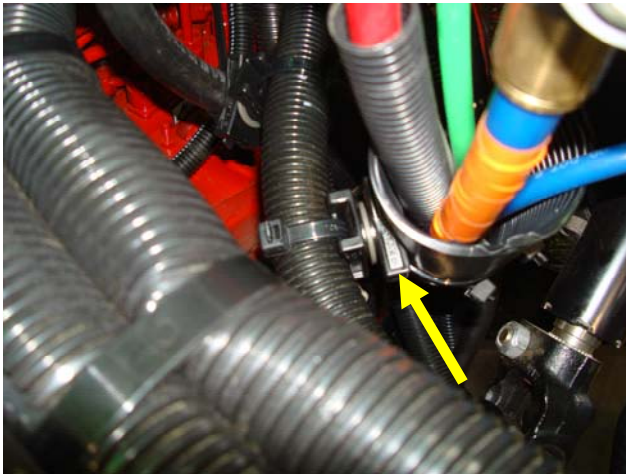


Fig. 6

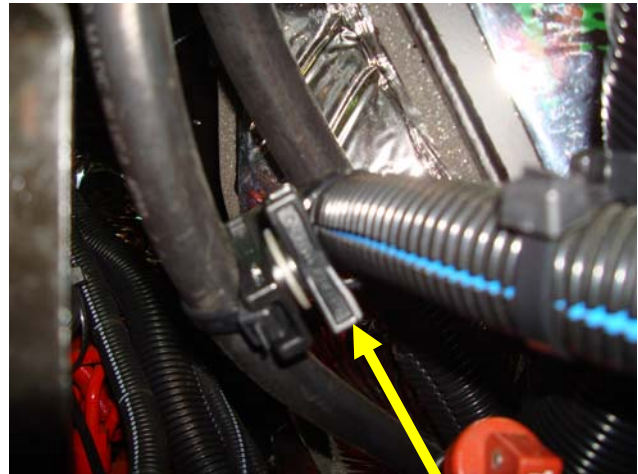


Fig. 7

This view shown from the top of the transmission for clarity.



Fig. 8

11. Reconnect battery, remove wheel chocks and place bus back in service.

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Parts List		
<i>Part #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
00111133	BRACKET,MOUNTING,FUEL LINES	As Required
00029998	TIE,CABLE,250LB	As Required
00029253	SADDLE,DUAL SWIVEL,MOUNT	As Required