



BLUE BIRD

R12TU

April 26, 2012

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 Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2009 through 2011 model year Blue Bird All American, Vision and Micro-Bird school buses manufactured from January 17, 2008 through October 21, 2010 and equipped with The Braun Corporation Vista 2 Generation Dual Parallel Arm model platform lifts. The subject lifts may develop or exhibit a defect related to the outer rollstop latch. This defect may result in a passenger falling from the elevated lift platform and being injured or killed.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to notify you of this defect. Blue Bird will be notifying all affected owners of this defect. **Owners are advised to discontinue the use of their vehicles until they schedule a repair.**

The body numbers of your Blue Bird buses which may have the subject lifts installed are identified on the attached yellow Recall R12TU cover sheet.

You should contact your Braun Corporation dealer immediately to ascertain if your wheelchair lift serial number is one of the affected lifts and if so schedule a time to have the recall performed. The repairs should take approximately one (1) hour to complete. If you do not know who your Braun dealer is you may contact The Braun Corporation at 1-800-4888-0359 to find the nearest authorized Braun dealer or service center. An approved Braun Corporation service technician must perform the retrofit. The Braun Corporation NHTSA recall number is 12E-002.

Note: The attached R12TU completion reply sheet is provided to owners for recording the date of repair, mileage and the Braun wheelchair lift serial number for each affected body number. This completed reply sheet must be returned to Blue Bird to verify recall R12TU has been completed. Failure to return the completed reply sheet will result in follow up notices being mailed.

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

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

P.O. Box 937 – 402 Blue Bird Blvd – Fort Valley, Georgia – (478) 825-2021

If the remedy directed by this notification was provided for your bus(es) prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete the Recall R12TU Completion Reply Sheet and send to Blue Bird Attn: Recall Administration. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage paid envelope included with this recall notification. If there were cost associated with obtaining the repair you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for that cost. Include a copy of the work order/invoice with the recall completion reply sheet for reimbursement consideration.

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 the recall remedy for your wheelchair lift is not performed 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.

Thank you,



Bill Coleman
Corporate Recall Administrator
BLUE BIRD CORPORATION



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**Recall R12TU
Braun Lift Outer Rollstop Latch Recall
Recall Completion Reply Sheet**

When the recall repair has been completed on your Braun wheelchair lift(s) affected by recall campaign R12TU (Braun #12E-002), please complete the form below and return to Blue Bird in the pink reply envelope provided. **Completing and returning this form will prevent you from receiving follow up notices on recall R12TU.**

Blue Bird Body Number	Braun Lift Serial Number	Date Recall Repair Performed	Odometer Reading at Time of Repair

Form Completed by: _____
(Print Name)

Repair Performed by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Safety Recall Notice

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Applicable for NCL and NVL Series AA-DA

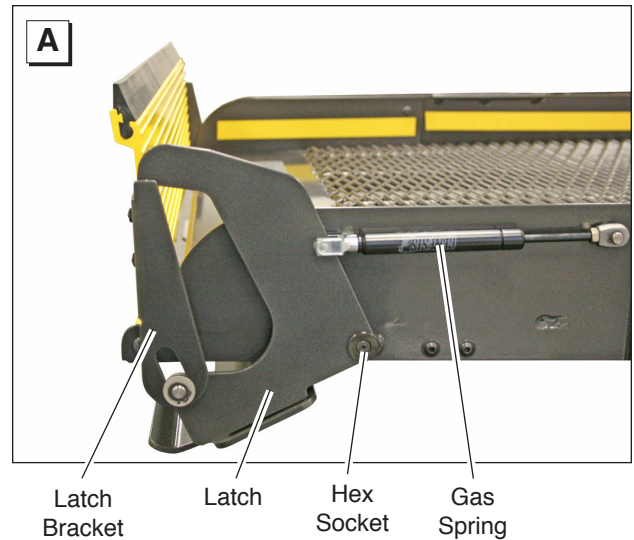
Installation Kit 945-12E002



Scan to View
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Video

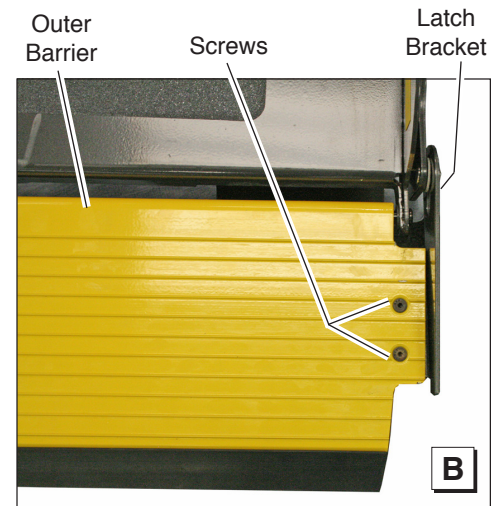
Front (Right) Side Retrofit Procedure

1. Deploy lift to floor level.



2. Remove gas spring. See Photo A.

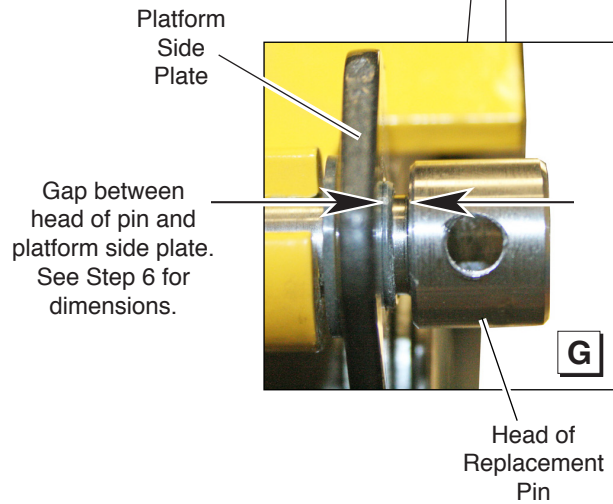
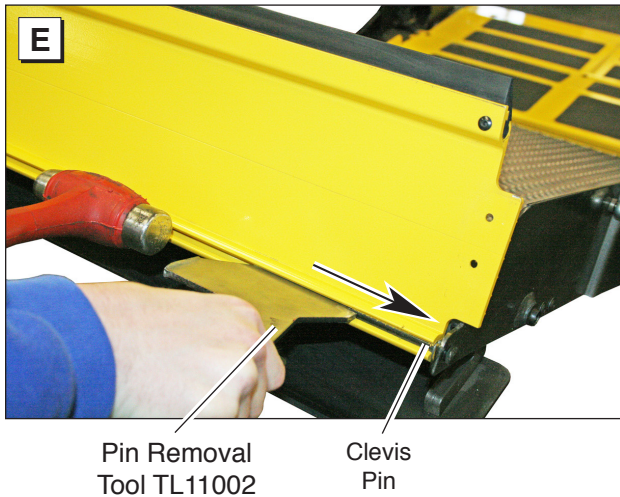
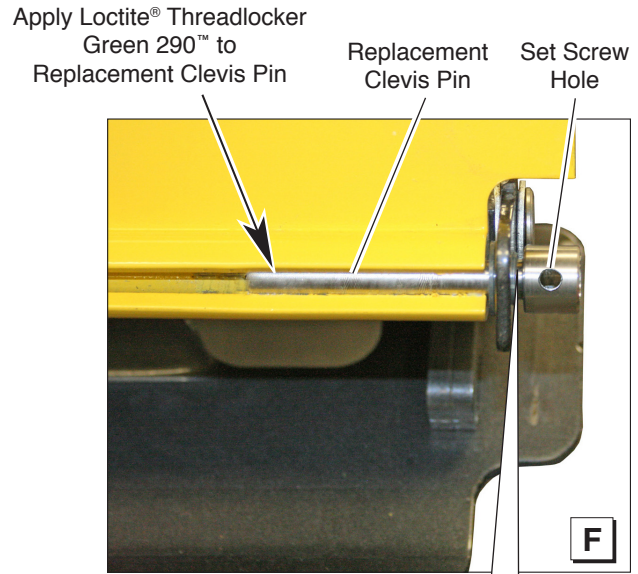
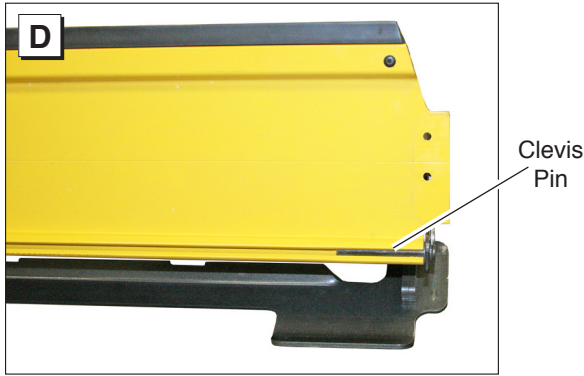
3. Remove two screws securing outer barrier to latch bracket. Discard screws and nuts. See Photo B.



4. Remove hex socket and washer securing outer barrier latch to platform. Keep screw and washer. See Photo A. Remove and discard bracket/latch assembly. See Photo C.



Outer Barrier Latch, Bracket, and Clevis Pin Retrofit 37679



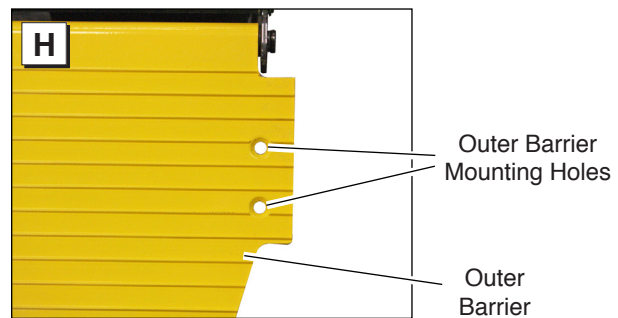
5. Remove clevis pin from platform/outer barrier using pin removal tool TL11002. The clevis pin is a friction fit and removal may be difficult. See Photos D and E.

6. Install replacement pin. Temporarily install roll stop pin cap on roll stop pin to avoid damaging the head of the replacement pin during installation. Remove cap. Refer to Photo J. Ensure that a gap exists between the head of the replacement pin and the platform side plate (See Photo G):

- Century: 1/16" gap both sides
- Vista: 1/8" gap on microswitch side, 1/16" opposite side.

During installation, position set screw hole facing outward for easy access. Apply Loctite® Threadlocker Green 290™ or equivalent on clevis pin after installation. See Photos F and G.

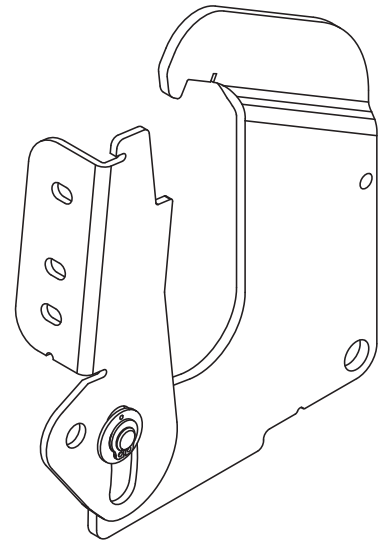
7. Drill outer barrier mounting holes to 1/4" diameter. See Photo H.



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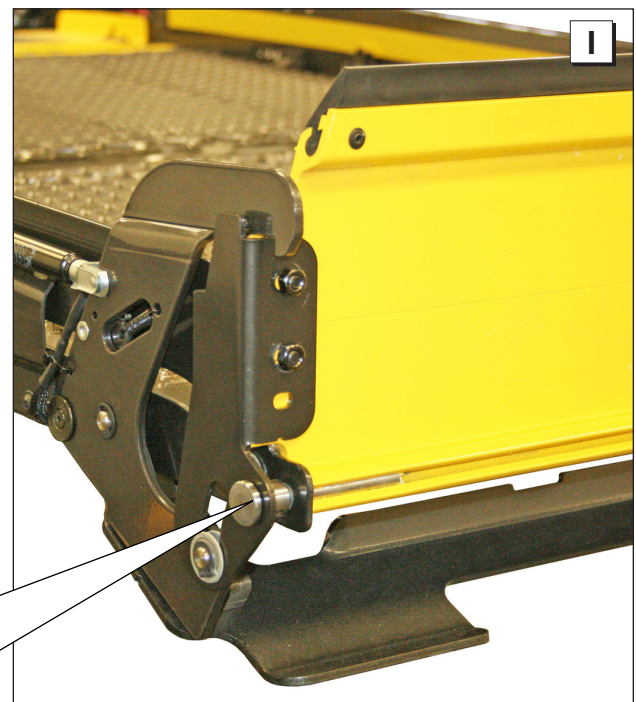
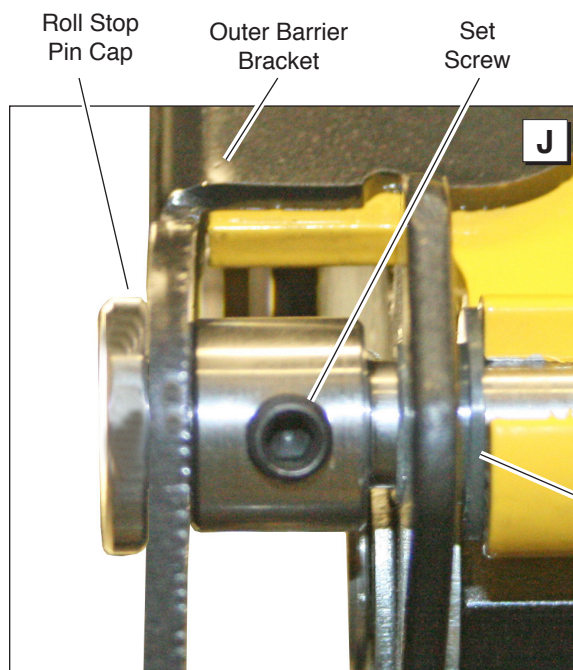
8. Install replacement outer barrier bracket/latch assembly using hex socket and washer removed in step 4. Apply Loctite® Threadlocker Blue 242™ or equivalent on threads. Refer to Photo A and Figure 1.

Figure 1



9. Attach latch bracket to outer barrier with supplied screws and nuts. Refer to Photo B.

10. Install roll stop pin cap. Apply Loctite® Threadlocker Blue 242™ or equivalent on threads. Secure with set screw. See Photos I and J.



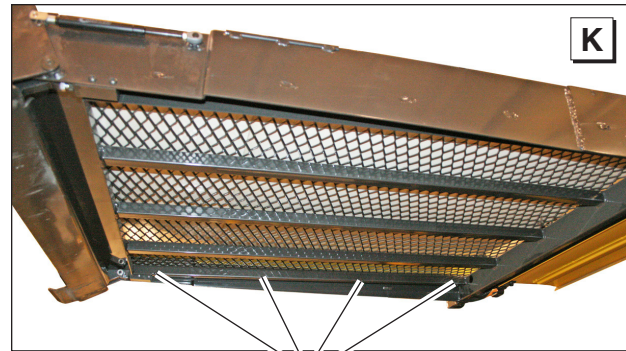
Ensure Plastic Flange
Bearing Remains in Position

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Rear (Left) Side Retrofit Procedure

11. Perform steps 2 and 3.

12. Remove wire ties from microswitch harness and disconnect outer barrier microswitch harness. Discard. See Photos K and L.



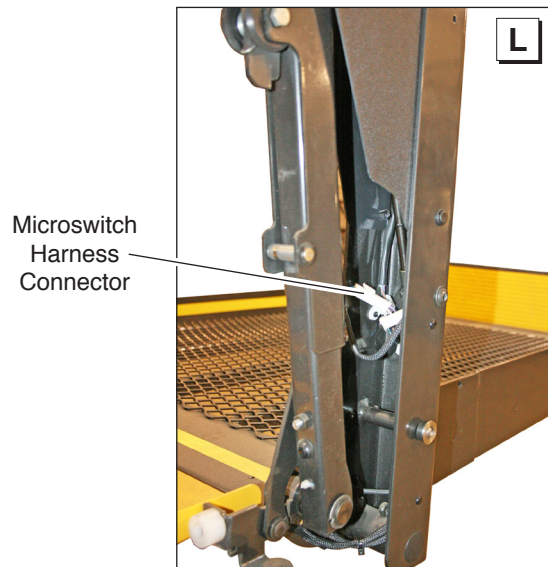
Wire Ties

13. Perform steps 4 through 7.

14. Install replacement outer barrier latch/bracket assembly using hex socket and washer removed in step 4. See Figure 2.

15. Attach latch bracket to outer barrier with supplied screws and nuts. Refer to Photo B.

16. Route and connect outer barrier microswitch harness. Secure with wire ties. Refer to Photos K and L.



17. Install roll stop pin cap. Secure with set screw. Apply Loctite® Threadlocker Blue 242™ or equivalent on threads. See Photos I and J.

18. Install gas springs. Confirm proper operation of gas springs. Replace if necessary.

19. Ensure proper outer barrier operation.

