

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**14V-798****Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** DEC 15,2014**NHTSA Recall No. :** 14V-798**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R14XR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Blue Bird Body Company

Address : P.O. Box 937

402 Blue Bird Boulevard Fort Valley GA 31030

Company phone : 478-822-2242

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 306

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2015-2016 Blue Bird Vision

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Park Brake Pedal Separation - School Bus equipped with hydraulic brakes

Production Dates : JUL 08, 2014 - SEP 22, 2014

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2016 Blue Bird All American

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Parking Brake Pedal Separation, School Bus equipped with hydraulic brakes.

Production Dates : JUL 08, 2014 - SEP 22, 2014

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

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 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The parking brake pedal assembly on buses equipped with hydraulic brakes may not have been manufactured correctly and could separate allowing the pedal to bend. If separation should occur, the bus parking brake may not engage properly which could result in a vehicle crash.

Description of the Safety Risk : If separation should occur, the bus parking brake may not engage properly which could result in a vehicle crash.

Description of the Cause : The park brake pedal assembly was not manufactured correctly. The extrusion roll staking die used by Orscheln was worn and was inadequate to contain the two-piece pedal arm.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC

Address : 901 Cleveland Street

Elyria OHIO 44035

Country : United States

Chronology :

On August 15, 2014, a park brake pedal separated on a bus equipped with hydraulic brakes at Blue Bird's manufacturing facility in Fort Valley, Georgia. Bendix was immediately notified, and the failed parts were returned for investigation.

On August 21, 2014, Bendix advised Blue Bird that their initial analysis determined that the park brake pedal assembly they received from their supplier (Orscheln) was not manufactured correctly. Bendix advised the extrusion roll staking die used by Orscheln was worn and was inadequate to contain the two-piece pedal arm. Bendix advised that park brake pedal assemblies with date code beginning with year and month of 1406 and 1407 could exhibit this trait. A subsequent search of warranty claims found only one additional pedal separation.

On September 22, 2014, Bendix representatives arrived at Blue Bird's manufacturing facility and began changing all suspect pedals on property.

Blue Bird continued to monitor warranty claim activity and received three additional claims filed for broken park pedal assemblies.

On December 4, 2014, Blue Bird decided that a safety defect exists with hydraulic park brake pedal assemblies on certain All American and Vision buses equipped with the suspect Bendix park brake pedal assemblies.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be advised to inspect the date code found on the hydraulic park brake pedal assembly on all affected buses. Park brake assemblies found within the defective date code range will be replaced at no charge to owners.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Supplier provided new park brake pedal assemblies with date codes outside of the defective date code range.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Supplier provided new park brake pedal assemblies manufactured using new dies.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about January 30, 2015.
Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about January 30, 2015.
Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JAN 30, 2015 - JAN 30, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 30, 2015 - JAN 30, 2015

* NR - Not Reported