



BLUE BIRD

R14XC

**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE  
NHTSA RECALL NO. 14V-110 SCHOOL BUS**

April 24, 2014

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This important safety recall notice applies to your buses identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that certain 2014 model year All American and Vision model school buses manufactured from January 21, 2013 through February 28, 2013 may fail to conform to the joint strength requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength" at the rear wheelhouse to body gusset panel joints.

On the subject buses, the joint between the rear wheelhousing and body gusset panel may have partially separated during the manufacturing process. Buses with separation at the wheelhouse to body gusset panel joints fail to conform to the joint strength requirements of FMVSS No. 221. Bus passengers may sustain injuries in the event of a vehicle crash. Buses with this noncompliance must be corrected immediately according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R14XC.

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

**You should contact your Blue Bird dealer 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.

Parts and labor required to complete Recall R14XC, according to the attached instructions, will be provided at no cost to you.

Affected buses must be inspected according to Recall R14XC instructions for deformation at both the right and left rear wheelhouse to body gusset panel joints. Your findings must be recorded on the attached Recall R14XC Inspection Sheet and returned to Blue Bird in one of the enclosed pink self-addressed postage paid reply envelopes or the inspection sheet may be faxed to 478-822-2467. You should retain a copy of Recall R14XC Inspection Sheet for your bus records.

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

Labor time to visually inspect the outside of both left and right rear wheelhouse to body gusset panel joints for deformation is 0.1 hours (6 minutes) per bus.

Labor time to complete further inside visual inspection for deformation of any rear wheelhouse to body panel joint identified by the outside visual inspection is 0.2 hours (12 minutes) per wheelhouse to body gusset panel joint.

Labor time to correct any rear wheelhouse to body gusset panel joint deformation found is 2.5 hours per rear wheelhouse to body gusset panel joint.

You may elect to perform this recall yourself, or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall. Parts needed to perform Recall R14XC will be provided at "no charge" when a properly completed **Recall R14XC Inspection Sheet** is returned to Blue Bird Recall Administration.

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 attached 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  
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