



R14XN

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA RECALL NO. 14V-510 SCHOOL BUS
NHTSA RECALL NO. 14V-511 NON-SCHOOL BUS

October 01, 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 attached pink reply 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 a safety related defect exists in certain Blue Bird school bus and non-school bus models identified below equipped with a Ricon S-Series model platform wheelchair lift.

2007 through 2015 model year All American model
2007 through 2011 model year Micro Bird model
2007 through 2015 model year Vison model
2007 through 2008 model year conventional model

Under certain conditions present in some applications, the platforms included on the subject S-Series model platform wheelchair lifts can exhibit cracking of the platform pivot plate while in the stowed position which, if left unchecked, can propagate to the point where separation of the rear portion of the pivot plate occurs rendering the lift potentially inoperable and possibly unsafe for the operator. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to notify you of this defect.

To correct this condition you will need to contact your nearest Ricon Corporation wheelchair lift dealer. Ricon will provide parts required to modify the platform pivot plate at no charge to the owner. The Ricon recall number is 14E-041.

You can locate your nearest Ricon wheelchair servicing dealer by using the Ricon Dealer Locator at the lower left of the Ricon Website www.riconcorp.com. You may also contact Dante Deleo at Ddeleo@wabtec.com or you may call Dante at (818)267-3009.

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

When the recall remedy has been performed on your Ricon wheelchair lift(s) complete and return the enclosed R14XN Recall Completion Reply Sheet so we may update our records. This will prevent you from receiving additional follow up notices.

If the remedy directed by this notification was provided for your bus(es) prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the pink recall reply sheet and return to Blue Bird Attn: Recall Administrator. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage paid envelope. included with this recall notification.

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 after contacting Ricon Corporation, do not received replacement parts in a reasonable time and without charge 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 BODY COMPANY



Recall Completion Reply Sheet

Blue Bird Body Company Recall R14XN (Ricon #14E-041) Ricon Lift Platform Pivot Plate Recall

When the Ricon repair parts for your Ricon wheelchair lift(s) affected by above recall campaign, have been installed, 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 additional follow up notices on this recall.**

Blue Bird Body Number	Ricon Lift Serial Number	Date Ricon Pivot Plate Parts Installed	Parts Installed by:

Form Completed by: _____
(Print Name)

School/Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____