

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-118****Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** MAR 11,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-118**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R14XE**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 : 40

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2016-2016 Blue Bird All American - Non School Bus (NSB)

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Clamp on intermediate steering column shaft bellows may contact steering shaft floor boot seal and tear floor boot seal and bind steering shaft causing difficulty in steering.

Production Dates : SEP 15, 2014 - JAN 12, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Blue Bird Body Company (Blue Bird) is recalling certain 2016 All American transit buses manufactured September 15, 2014 through January 12, 2015. In the affected vehicles, a clamp on the steering shaft may come in contact with the rubber boot at the floor.

Description of the Safety Risk : If the steering shaft clamp comes into contact with the rubber boot, additional effort would be needed to steer the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

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Country : NR

Chronology :

On January 20, 2015, it was reported that the deviation to modify steering shaft with new clamp had expired prior to the new boot implementation. A Stop Delivery had been issued on January 15, 2015 to address any units on property prior to delivery.

Investigation was launched to try and determine the actual date when production line had stopped installing the clamp associated with the deviation. Investigation was not able to determine an exact date so on February 24, 2015 Blue Bird decided to expand the recall to address any units that may have been delivered without the deviation. In order to address this type issue from re-occurring, a "Champion" will be appointed for each deviation deemed critical to ensure proper implementation and closure.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Blue Bird will notify owners, and dealers will relocate the rubber boot and install a new steering shaft clamp, free of charge. The recall began on July 8, 2014. Owners may contact Blue Bird Customer Service 1-478-822-2242. Blue Bird's number for this recall is R14XE.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 25, 2015 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 26, 2015 - NR

* NR - Not Reported