

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-181****Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** APR 28,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-181**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R15YA-SB**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 : 2,663

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2015-2016 Blue Bird Vision (BBCV)

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Potential for inverter internal failure which may produce smoke and possible thermal event.

Production Dates : JUN 19, 2014 - DEC 11, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Defect: The inverter may fail which may produce smoke and possible thermal event.

Description of the Safety Risk : If the inverter should fail, it may produce smoke and a possible thermal event.

Description of the Cause : Inverter component transistor failure.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : No warning.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Bergstrom, Incorporated

Address : 2390 Blackhawk Road

Rockford FOREIGN STATES 61109

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

On August 8, 2014, Blue Bird received first report that an inverter had possibly failed during delivery.

On August 12, 2014, Blue Bird received a second report that an inverter had possibly failed during delivery.

In September, 2014, Blue Bird received reports of three possible inverter failures.

On September 8, 2014, Blue Bird notified component manufacturer of inverter failures.

In October, 2014, Blue Bird received reports of four possible inverter failures.

On December 15, 2014, component manufacturer started replacing suspect inverters with inverters from an alternate supplier.

In January, 2015, Blue Bird received reports of two possible inverter failures.

On February 20, 2015, Blue Bird received a report of a possible thermal event that may have started with an inverter.

On March 11, 2015, Blue Bird received a report that an inverter may have failed.

On March 13, 2015, Blue Bird received a draft copy of a preliminary report on the thermal event from the component manufacturer which identified the inverter, as possible source of event.

On March 19, 2015, Blue Bird decided to conduct a recall to correct this defect.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Replace the existing inverter with a inverter from an alternate vendor.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

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

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about: April 24, 2015

Owner notification is scheduled to be mailed on or about: April 24, 2015

Parts are anticipated to be available at time of notification? Yes

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported