



R15YB

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

**NHTSA RECALL NO. 15V059 SCHOOL BUS
NHTSA RECALL NO. 15V060 NON-SCHOOL BUS**

DATE: March 6, 2015

TO: U.S. DEALERS

**SUBJECT: RECALL R15YB POTENTIAL FOR REAR ENGINE EXHAUST
HANGERS FAILING**

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 defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2011 through 2016 model year Blue Bird All American Rear Engine model school and non-school buses manufactured from June 5, 2010 through January 13, 2015, and equipped with optional Cummins diesel engines.

On the subject buses, the exhaust system hanger straps may fail under extreme conditions causing damage to the Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) and Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) housings. This hanger failure may allow the exhaust system to partially or completely dislodge from some or all of its mounting points. If the housings were to fall onto the roadway, this could create a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

To correct this defect, new exhaust hanger assemblies and exhaust support cables will be supplied to replace each of the four existing exhaust hanger assemblies.

If our records indicate buses subject to this recall were delivered in your service area, a printout identifying affected buses by body number and VIN is enclosed. **Dealers should verify correct owners and assure that complete mailing and shipping addresses are provided for each listed owner.**

If you have in your possession or have sold a bus that was purchased from another dealer that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com.

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

Labor time to perform Recall R15YB is 1.3 hours per bus.

Parts to complete Recall R15YB must be obtained from Blue Bird Recall Administration via e-mail. Please scan a copy of the completed yellow cover sheet and e-mail to campaignparts@blue-bird.com. Parts are anticipated to be available on or about March 30, 2015. Owners are being advised to contact their local dealer or to return the yellow cover sheet with the correct shipping address indicated to receive parts.

For repairs performed by 'the Blue Bird Dealer', the Dealer may submit 'campaign-type' claims in iWarranty for labor reimbursement. For repairs performed by 'other than the Blue Bird Dealer', the Owner's recall notification letter includes a reply sheet that the Owner can send to Blue Bird Recall Administration for reimbursement of labor costs to the Owner.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Dealers are reminded of their responsibilities under Section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

Lisa Hancock
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Body Company