



R15YC

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number 15V136 School Bus

April 2, 2015

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This important safety recall notice applies to your bus(es) 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 2013 through 2016 model year All American and Vision model school buses manufactured from June 9, 2012 through September 30, 2014 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages" at the seat gusset reinforcement to the side wall attachment.

On the subject buses, incorrect fasteners may have been installed to secure the seat gusset reinforcement to the side wall resulting in a non-compliance with FMVSS 210. If the seat belts are improperly anchored, there is an increased risk of occupant injury in the event of a crash.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by this recall are identified by both Blue Bird Body Number(s) and Vehicle Identification Number(s) (VIN) on the enclosed yellow and pink reply sheets. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

Blue Bird recommends that you contact your local or nearest Blue Bird Dealer to arrange for this recall to be performed. The Dealer can perform the repairs, or arrange for repairs to be performed by a service repair facility authorized by the Dealer. However, you may elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall.

If you elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall, complete and submit the Pink Owner's Recall Reply Sheet provided. The Reply Sheet includes a section for the owner to request reimbursement of the owner's labor or to request reimbursement for a labor invoice paid by the owner to an independent repair facility.

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

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

The Owner's Recall Reply Sheet can be mailed in the postage prepaid envelope provided, faxed to 478-822-2467, or e-mail copies of the documents and supporting documents to lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com. Of course, if your Blue Bird Dealer performs the recall or arranged for repairs to be performed by a service facility authorized by the Dealer, the Blue Bird Dealer will notify Blue Bird about the completion of the recall.

Labor time to visually inspect the correct fasteners is 0.1 hours (6 minutes) per bus.

Labor time to add bracket and fasteners is 0.1 hour (6 minutes) per seat.

Affected buses must be inspected according to Recall R15YC instructions for proper mounting fasteners securing the seat gusset reinforcement to the side wall. Your findings must be recorded on the attached white Recall R15YC Inspection Sheet. To receive replacement parts (at no cost to you) for Recall R15YC, sign and return the enclosed yellow reply sheet and include the white Inspection Reply Sheet to Blue Bird in the pink, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. Be sure to provide a valid shipping address as UPS does not deliver to post office boxes. You should retain a copy of the reply sheet for your records.

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 attach a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the **pink** self-addressed postage prepaid 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 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Body Company