



**BLUE BIRD**

## **FINAL NOTICE**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**  
**TO: BLUE BIRD OWNERS**  
**SUBJECT: RECALL R15YA**  
**DRIVER'S HEATER SWITCH PANEL INVERTER FAILURE**

According to our records, we have not received confirmation that the above referenced recall dated April 24, 2015, has been completed. A copy of Recall R15YA is attached.

Your buses affected by Recall R15YA are identified by Blue Bird body number and VIN under Section 2 on the enclosed cover sheet.

If this is the first time you received notification of Recall R15YA, please read the enclosed notification carefully and follow the instructions provided. Recall R15YA must be completed as soon as possible.

If you have already had R15YA performed on your affected buses, please complete and mail the enclosed pink R15YA recall reply sheet to us in the enclosed postage paid pink reply envelope so we may update our recall records. Be sure the reply sheet is filled out properly.

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

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock  
Corporate Recall Administrator  
Blue Bird Body Company

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



R15YA

**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

**NHTSA Recall Number: 15V181 School Bus**

**NHTSA Recall Number: 15V180 Non-School Bus**

April 24, 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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2015 through 2016 model year Vision model school and non-school buses manufactured from June 19, 2014 through December 11, 2014 with a driver's heater control panel on the driver's console.

On the subject buses, the inverter for the illumination on the driver's heater control panel may fail. If the inverter should fail, it may produce smoke and a possible thermal event.

To correct this defect, the existing inverter will be replaced with a new inverter.

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.

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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](mailto: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 replace the inverter is 0.25 hour (15 minutes) per bus.

To receive replacement parts (at no cost to you) for Recall R15YA, sign and return the enclosed yellow 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)

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## Driver's Heater Switch Panel Inverter Failure

# RECALL

Models Affected: Certain 2015-2016 Vision

### ISSUE

Inverters may have a manufacturing defect where the panel inverter may fail and may produce smoke and a possible thermal event.

### CORRECTIVE ACTION

Replace the inverter with a new inverter.

### PROCEDURE

**WARNING:** Always follow all Federal, State, Local and Shop safety standards and use proper safety equipment, and thoroughly read and understand all instructions before performing these procedures.

1. Park bus, apply parking brake, and remove ignition key.
2. Disconnect battery ground cable(s).
3. Driver's heater control panel is located on the driver's console.
4. Locate and remove six (6) screws that attach panel-to-console.

Remove six (6) screws from Driver's Heater Control Panel

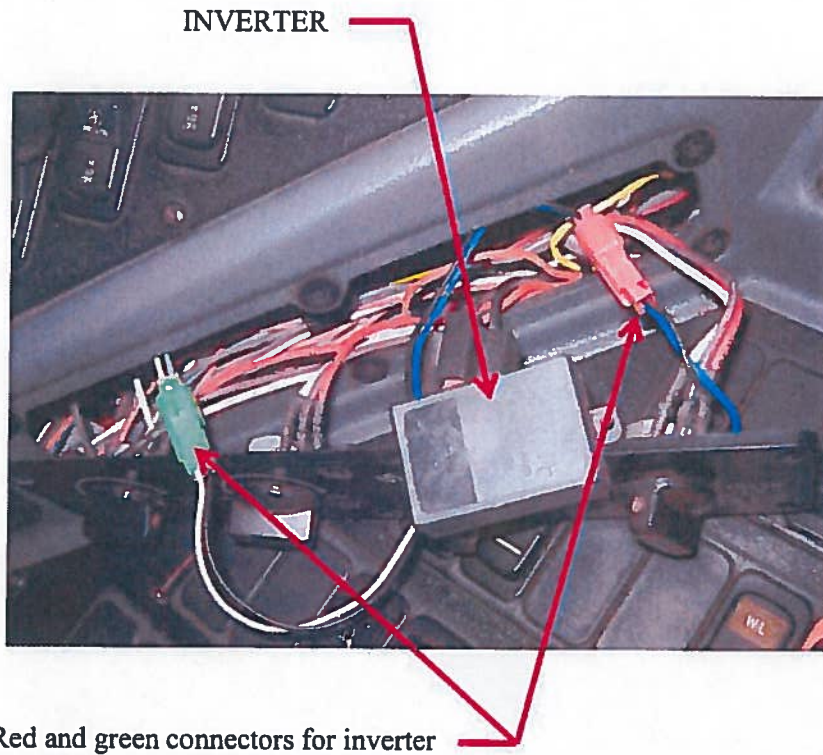




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5. Pull the panel assembly toward the center of the bus to access inverter.
6. Unplug red and green connectors, and then remove inverter.
7. Connect new inverter to the appropriate red and green connectors. Place inverter and wiring back into the driver console and install the six screws that were removed in Step 4.
8. Reconnect battery ground cable(s).
9. Place bus back in service.



## PARTS LIST

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
10018680	INVERTER, HEATER CONTROL PANEL	1

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