

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****16V-006****Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** JAN 08, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-006**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R16YK-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 : 112

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2016-2017 Blue Bird All American

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

**Descriptive Information :** Blue Bird is issuing a recall for three model Transpec Stop Arms (Part Numbers T6000, T61000, and T7000) with manufactured dates from May 1, 2015, through October 19, 2015. The "Stop" decals on certain Transpec Stop Arms may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 Standards. Without a Reflective decal, the Stop Arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Production Dates : MAY 18, 2015 - NOV 09, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

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Production Dates : MAY 08, 2015 - OCT 27, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated (SMI) has determined that, due to a process deficiency, the STOP decals on Transpec Stop Arms (Part Number T6000, T6100, T7000) may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 Standards. Without a reflective decal, the Stop Arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

FMVSS 1 : 131 - School bus pedestrian safety devices

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The "Stop" decals on certain Transpec Stop Arms may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 Standards. Without a reflective decal, the Stop Arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : The "Stop" decals may not remain adhered to the plastic blade.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Visible delamination starting at the corner.

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

Name : Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated

Address : 13501 South Ridge Drive

Charlotte NORTH CAROLINA 28273

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

December 17, 2015, Blue Bird was notified via e-mail of Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated's notification to NHTSA regarding the Transpec Stop Arms defect with respect to the reflective surface. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 Standards.

January 5, 2016, a decision was made to issue a recall on the affected units.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : SMI will provide directly to the customer a replacement blade assembly as a replacement part in order to make the installation of the parts as easy and effortless as possible. The Transpec replacement blade assembly will be based on the Stop Arm part number and instructions will be included.

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 : FEB 09, 2016 - FEB 09, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 09, 2016 - FEB 09, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported