

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****16V-265****Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** MAY 02, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-265**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R16YP-NSB**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 : 6

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2017-2017 Blue Bird All American Forward Engine (T3FE)

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Freedman Integrated Child Seats (ICS) are the subject of nonconforming hex head cap screws. Seat studs fractured during tests causing the seat to separate from the base frame.

Production Dates : FEB 09, 2016 - FEB 19, 2016

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2017-2017 Blue Bird Vision (BBCV)

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Freedman Integrated Child Seats (ICS) are the subject of nonconforming hex head cap screws. Seat studs fractured during tests causing the seat to separate from the base frame.

Production Dates : FEB 01, 2016 - FEB 01, 2016

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : FMVSS 222, School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection.  
Freedman Seating performed FMVSS 222, Forward Performance Test on ICS Seats containing the subject nonconforming Hex Head Cap Screws. The tests were noncompliant as the seat studs (3/8" -24 X 1" Hex Head Cap Screw, Grade 8) fractured during the tests causing the seat to separate from the base frame.

FMVSS 1 : 222 - School bus passenger seating and crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The seat may separate from the baseframe during a vehicle crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : The hex head cap screws, 3/8" - 24 X 1", Grade 8 were improperly manufactured resulting in a material flaw that can reduce the strength of the fastener.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Seat studs may fracture during normal use. Freedman has not been able to duplicate this through fatigue testing.

**Supplier Identification :**

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Freedman Seating Company

Address : 4545 W. Augusta Boulevard  
Chicago ILLINOIS 60651

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

On April 15, 2016, Blue Bird received a letter from Freedman Seating Company regarding a potential safety noncompliance, FMVSS 222, School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection, present in Integrated Child Seats (ICS).

April 16, 2016, Blue Bird issued a "Stop Delivery" for any units on property equipped with suspect Freedman seats.

On May 2, 2016, Blue Bird decided to issue a recall to correct this defect.

No accidents or injuries have been reported as a result of the noncompliant Integrated Child Seats.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Non-compliant seats will be replaced with new seats.

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 & Owner Notification is scheduled to be mailed on or before May 31, 2016. Parts are currently available.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 31, 2016 - MAY 31, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 31, 2016 - MAY 31, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported