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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 16V-100 School Bus
NHTSA Recall Number: 16V-101 Non-School Bus

DATE: MARCH 10, 2016

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: RECALL R16YL, Vision Starter Cable Routing W/CAT C707 Engines

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company is issuing a recall for some 2008 and 2009 model year Vision model school and non-school bus units equipped with CAT C707 Engines. The manufactured dates range from May 10, 2007, through March 5, 2008.

On certain buses, the positive starter cable may be routed incorrectly, and as a result a smaller 4 gauge battery cable may be damaged due to high current draw during cranking. To correct this condition, the starter cable should be relocated, if necessary, from the Electrical Power Stud to the Chassis Power Stud. The battery cable should also be inspected for any damage and if necessary replace the damaged cable according to the instructions provided in Recall Campaign R16YL. Parts are anticipated to be available on or about March 25, 2016, at no cost to you.

If our records indicate bus(es) subject to this recall were delivered in your service area, a list of affected bus(es) will be enclosed. The bus(es) will be identified by Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet. **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.

The Owner's Inspection Reply Sheet can be mailed in the postage prepaid envelope provided, faxed to 478-822-2467, or e-mail copies of the supporting documents to lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com

Parts to complete Recall R16YL must be obtained from Blue Bird Recall Administration via e-mail. Please scan a copy of the completed Recall Inspection Reply Sheet and e-mail to campaignparts@blue-bird.com . Parts are anticipated to be available on or about March 25, 2016. Owners are being advised to contact their local dealer or to return the Recall 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.

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Labor Times:

- 0.5 hours to relocate the cable and inspect the 4 gauge power cable
- Kit A
 - 0.6 hours to replace the 4 gauge power cable without battery disconnect
 - 0.5 hours to relocate the cable and inspect the 4 gauge power cable
 - Total Time: 1.1 hours
- Kit B
 - 0.9 hours to replace the 4 gauge power cables with battery disconnect
 - 0.5 hours to relocate the cable and inspect the 4 gauge power cable
 - Total Time: 1.4 hours

For repairs performed by ‘the Blue Bird Dealer’, the Dealer may submit ‘Campaign-type’ claims in ClaimsCenter (a.k.a. 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

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Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Body Company