



BLUE BIRD

R16YM

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 16V-172 School Bus

DATE: April 19, 2016
TO: U.S. DEALERS
SUBJECT: RECALL R16YM, Rear Seat Leg Noncompliance

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 recalling certain model year 2011 through 2017 All American Rear Engine School Buses manufactured from August 20, 2010, through December 16, 2015. Buses with rear side emergency doors have seats over the wheelhouse area whose rear legs may detach from the floor in a crash, resulting in belted occupants traveling forward. As such, these vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) Number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages." If the seat does not allow the occupant to be properly restrained in the event of a crash, they would be at an increased risk of injury.

Buses with this non-compliance must be corrected immediately according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R16YM. To correct this noncompliance, replace the rear leg with a compliant leg. Parts are currently available, 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.

Parts to complete Recall R16YM must be obtained from Blue Bird Recall Administration via e-mail at campaignparts@blue-bird.com . Parts are currently available. Owners are being advised to contact their local dealer or to return the yellow coversheet 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.

Labor Times:

- Labor time to replace the rear leg with a compliant leg on the seat in front of the rear side emergency door is 0.3 hour (18 minutes).

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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

Lisa Hancock
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Body Company