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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 16V-265 Non-School Bus

DATE: May 23, 2016

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: RECALL R16YP, Freedman Integrated Child Seats (ICS) Non-Compliance to FMVSS 213, Child Restraint Systems

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 2017 All American Forward Engine and Vision Non-School Buses manufactured from February 1, 2016, through February 19, 2016. Non-School Buses equipped with Freedman Integrated Child Seats (ICS) are the subject of nonconforming hex head cap screws. The improperly manufactured hex head cap screws can reduce the strength of the screw which may result in the seat separating from the base frame during a vehicle crash. This noncompliance may result in an increased risk of injury. As such, these vehicles may fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) Number 213, "Child Restraint Systems."

Buses with this non-compliance must be corrected immediately according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R16YP. To correct this noncompliance, replacement seats will be shipped to you at no cost, and parts are currently available.

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.

Request for Seat Replacement:

To obtain replacement seats from Freedman, contact:

Christy Nunes,
Freedman Seating Company
Director of Customer Service
4545 W. Augusta Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60651
christy.nunes@freedmanseating.com
Phone: 773-524-3250

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



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Request for Labor Reimbursement:

Once the seat replacement is complete, notification should be sent to Christy Nunes via the contact information provided on Page 1. In order to obtain labor reimbursement, submit an invoice to Freedman Seating Company, via the contact information for Christy Nunes. The invoice should contain the contact name of the individual or dealership to be reimbursed, complete mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, Blue Bird Body Number, and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

If Freedman Seating Company does not provide seat replacements or labor reimbursement, you may contact Blue Bird Body Company Recall Administration at 478-822-2242.

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