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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

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

May 23, 2016

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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

This important safety recall notice applies to your bus(es) identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet.

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.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by this recall are identified by both Blue Bird Body Number(s) and Vehicle Identification Number(s) (VIN) on the enclosed yellow reply sheets. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

Blue Bird recommends that you contact your local or nearest Blue Bird Dealer to arrange for this recall to be performed. The Dealer can perform the repairs, or arrange for repairs to be performed by a service repair facility authorized by the Dealer. However, you may elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall.

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.

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



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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

Request for Labor Reimbursement:

Once the seat replacement is complete, notification should be sent to Christy Nunes via the contact information provided. 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.

If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, attach a copy of the work order/invoice and provide this information to Freedman Seating Company, via the contact information for Christy Nunes. 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. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

Or, you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:
1-888-327-4236 TTY 1-800-424-9153 or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>



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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