



BLUE BIRD

ADDITIONAL NOTICE

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2017
TO: BLUE BIRD OWNERS
SUBJECT: RECALL R16YK, TRANSPEC STOP ARM
Non-Compliance FMVSS 131 – School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices

According to our records, we have not received confirmation that the above referenced recall dated January 28, 2016, has been completed. A copy of Recall R16YK is attached.

Your buses affected by Recall R16YK are identified by Blue Bird body number under Section 2 on the enclosed cover sheet.

If this is the first time you received notification of Recall R16YK, please read the enclosed notification carefully and follow the instructions provided.

If you have already had R16YK performed on your affected buses, please complete and mail the enclosed R16YK recall reply sheet to us in the enclosed postage paid pink reply envelope so we may update our recall records. Be sure the reply sheet is filled out properly.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Regards,

Lisa Hancock

Lisa Hancock
Corporate Recall Administrator
(478) 822-2242

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



R16YK

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 16V-006 School Bus

January 28, 2016

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

**Subject: RECALL R16YK, Transpec Stop Arm
Non-Compliance FMVSS 131 – School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices**

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 has decided that certain 2016 and 2017 model year Vision and All American model school buses manufactured from May 8, 2015 through November 9, 2015 fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS Number 131, "School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices".

On subject buses equipped with certain Transpec Stop Arms (Part Numbers T6000, T6100, and T7000) the "Stop" decals may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 Standard. Without a reflective decal, the Stop Arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

To correct this condition, the Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated (SMI) Transpec Stop Arm Blade must be removed and replaced with a new FMVSS 131 compliant Transpec Stop Arm Blade. The replacement part will be based on the Stop Arm Part Number. **The Stop Arm Blade Assembly replacement must be conducted in accordance with the outlined work instructions that meets the FMVSS 131 requirements.** Repair parts for this recall are currently available at no cost to you by using the enclosed Specialty Manufacturing Incorporated's Transpec Recall Form.

Buses with this non-compliance must be corrected immediately according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R16YK.

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.

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If you elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall, a replacement stop arm blade assembly may be obtained from SMI Customer Service at 1-800-951-7867. The replacement part will be expedited and may be obtained by one of three methods outlined below:

- **Web:** Visit http://www.smiglobal.net/tech_bulletins.php and click on the **Safety Recall: Transpec Stop Arm Decal** link under the **Stop Arms & Blades** section.
- **E-mail:** Send an e-mail to SMI at warranty@smiglobal.net indicating the quantity of Transpec service kits you need along with the following information provided on the SMI-Transpec Recall Form for each vehicle:
 - Company Name
 - Contact Name
 - Contact Phone
 - Contact E-mail Address
 - Mailing Address
 - Shipping Address (if different than mailing address)
 - Vehicle Manufacturer
 - VIN
 - Body Number
 - Front SA Part Number
 - Front SA Build Date
 - Rear SA Part Number (if applicable)
 - Rear SA Build Date (if applicable)
- **Phone:** Contact SMI Customer Service at 1-800-951-7867.

Labor Reimbursement:

- Transpec Stop Arm service kit(s) will be sent to you upon request and will include complete instructions on the removal and reinstallation of the defective components.
- Removal and reinstallation of each Transpec blade can be accomplished in **15 minutes**, for which SMI will reimburse installers **\$30.00** for each remedied stop arm.
- To request for Labor Reimbursement the Dealer/Owner will be required to submit an invoice to SMI for the labor charge for each serviced vehicle.
 - The invoice should include the following information:
 - Blue Bird Recall Campaign Number - R16YK
 - SMI Recall Campaign Number 15E-090
 - VIN and Body Numbers for each serviced vehicle
- The invoice should be submitted to SMI via e-mail at warranty@smiglobal.net or via US mail to the following address:
 - Attention: Warranty Department
Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated
13501 South Ridge Drive
Charlotte, NC 28273



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If Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated (SMI) does not provide the requested replacement part(s), 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.

If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, the Dealer/Owner will be required to submit an invoice to SMI for the labor charge for each serviced vehicle. 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.

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>

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, reading "Lisa Hancock" in a cursive script.

Lisa Hancock
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Body Company



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

December 17, 2015

Dear Customer:

Subject: Safety Recall 15E-090 – Transpec Stop Arms

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Specialty Manufacturing, Incorporated (SMI) has decided that certain Transpec Stop Arms manufactured between May 1, 2015 and October 19, 2015 contains a defect with respect to the reflective surface specified in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 131, "School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices."

Description of Defect

SMI has determined that, due to a process deficiency, the STOP decals on Transpec stop arms (part numbers T6000-, T6100-, T7000-) may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 standards. Without a reflective decal, the stop arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Identifying Suspect Parts

1. Check the label on the bottom of the Transpec stop arm (circled below in red) for dates May 1, 2015 through October 19, 2015. Units built within this date range are subject to the replacement campaign.



Remedy Program

Replacing stop arm blade assembly will resolve the defect (application of the decal to the blade in the field is not recommended). The free service kit will include (1) Transpec stop arm blade (replacement part will be based on the stop arm part number – circled in blue above) and detailed work instructions (enclosed).



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Availability of Service Kits

Service kits will be expedited and may be obtained by one of three methods outlined below:

- **Web:** Visit http://www.smiglobal.net/tech_bulletins.php and click on the **Safety Recall: Transpec Stop Arm Decal** link under the **Stop Arms & Blades** section.
- **E-mail:** Send an e-mail to SMI at warranty@smiglobal.net indicating the quantity of Transpec service kits you need along with the following information for each vehicle:
 - Company Name
 - Contact Name
 - Contact Phone
 - Contact E-mail Address
 - Mailing Address
 - Shipping Address (if different than mailing address)
 - Vehicle Manufacturer
 - VIN
 - Body Number
 - Front SA Part Number
 - Front SA Build Date
 - Rear SA Part Number (if applicable)
 - Rear SA Build Date (if applicable)
- **Phone:** Contact SMI Customer Service at 1-800-951-7867.

Transpec stop arm service kits will be sent to you upon request and will include complete instructions on the removal and reinstallation of the defective components. Removal and reinstallation of each Transpec blade can be accomplished in **15 minutes**, for which SMI will reimburse installers **\$30.00** for each remedied stop arm.

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your Transpec Stop Arm remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this issue, but safety is our first concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Hagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Hagan
Bus & Rail Division Vice President



Technical Bulletin

SAT-0005-01

Transpec Stop Arm Blade Assembly Replacement



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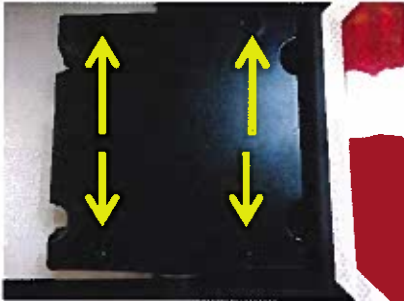
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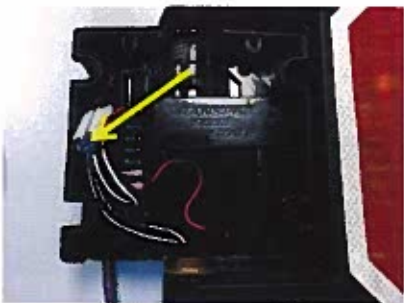
Transpec SA Blade Assembly Replacement SAT-0005-01

NOTE: This operation can be performed while the Stop Arm Assembly is in its fixed, mounted position. This procedure is also used to replace a damaged decal.

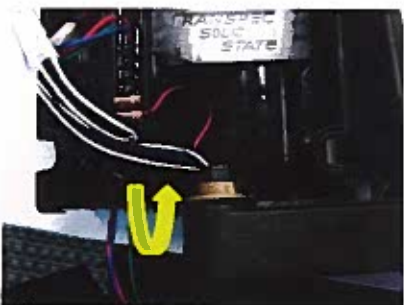
1. Disconnect power from stop arm (i.e. remove fuse)
2. Unfasten (4) screws and remove Stop Arm cover.



3. Disconnect Wiring Harness.



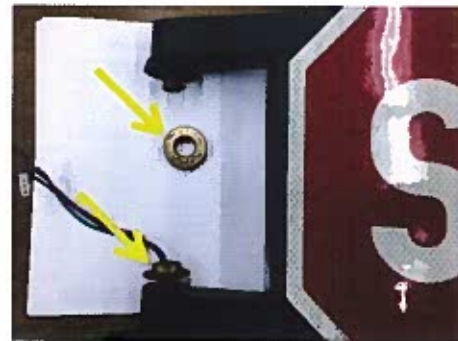
4. Separate the bottom end of the blade from the base.



5. Separate the upper end of the blade from the clutch/motor shaft.



6. Remove brass bushings and reinstall on new blade.



7. Reinstall new blade inserting the top end of the assembly first.
8. Reconnect wiring harness
9. Check the placement of the gasket then, reinstall cover.
10. Test operation.



Transpec SA Blade Assembly Replacement SAT-0005-01

Specialty Manufacturing Group, Inc.
13501 South Ridge Drive
Charlotte, NC 28273
Toll Free 800-951-STOP (7867)
Phone 704-247-9300
Fax 704-889-2760

<http://www.smiglobal.net>

For Technical Support, Email: tech.support@smiglobal.net

More technical publications available at:

http://www.smiglobal.net/tech_bulletins.php

<http://www.SafeFleetSolutions.com>

SPECIALTY MANUFACTURING INC.
TRANSPEC RECALL FORM

2015

Safety Recall 15E-090 Transpec Stop Arm
Blue Bird Recall: R16YK, Transpec Stop Arm



Please print in black ink the information below:

Company Name		Contact Phone #	
Contact Name		Contact Email	
Mailing Address		Shipping Address	
Vehicle Mfg.		VIN	
Body No.			
Front SA Part #		Rear SA Part #	
Front SA Build Date		Rear SA Build Date	

Please make sure entire form is completely and correctly populated to ensure an efficient replacement process.

TRANSPEC DECAL REPLACEMENT CRITERIA

This Transpec recall is effective for all Stop Arm Decals manufactured between May 1, 2015 through October 19, 2015.

Information & Assistance

If you require further assistance or have any questions pertaining to the Transpec recall or replacement procedure, please contact our support department at Warranty@smiglobal.net