

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-100

Manufacturer Name : Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date : AUG 22, 2017

NHTSA Recall No. : 17V-100

Manufacturer Recall No. : R17YY-SB



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Blue Bird Body Company

Address : P.O. Box 937
402 Blue Bird Boulevard Fort Valley
GA 31030

Company phone : 478-822-2242

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 19,833

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2015-2018 Blue Bird Vision

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : CNG/LPG

Descriptive Information : Blue Bird is issuing a recall to modify the mounting brackets on certain units equipped with a frame mounted battery box.

Production Begin Date: February 19, 2014

Production End Date: March 3, 2017

Production Dates : JAN 01, 1990 - JAN 01, 1990

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The chassis mounted battery box support bracket(s) on certain Vision buses may develop cracks and allow the battery box to separate from the chassis.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If both the battery box support brackets were to completely fail and detach from the bus, it could become a road hazard increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : The design of the existing battery box support brackets may not be adequate in certain applications.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : If one of the support brackets completely fails, that side of the battery box may be suspended below the body skirt line and be visible.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

July, 2016 - Received reports of units with battery tray support stress cracks.

November, 2016 - Received additional reports of units with damaged support brackets.

November 8, 2016 - Representative from Blue Bird visited customer location to inspect units and engineering analysis was initiated.

January, 2017 - Received reports of frame mounted battery box failures.

February 8, 2017 - A decision was made to issue a recall on affected units. No accidents or injuries have been reported as a result of this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The final remedy has not been determined at this time.

How Remedy Component Differs NR
from Recalled Component :

Identify How/When Recall Condition NR
was Corrected in Production :

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : R17YY Notification to Begin: March 20, 2017
Parts Anticipated to be Available: April, 2017

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 20, 2017 - MAR 20, 2017

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 20, 2017 - MAR 20, 2017

* NR - Not Reported