

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-202

Manufacturer Name : Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** AUG 22, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-202**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R17YZ (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 : 92

Estimated percentage with defect : 41 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2016 Blue Bird All American

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Blue Bird is issuing a recall to notify owners that C E White personnel are to inspect and repair loose or missing D-ring mounting nut on 3-point lap/shoulder belted seats, as needed.

Production Dates : MAR 21, 2015 - APR 21, 2015

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2016-2016 Blue Bird Vision

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Blue Bird is issuing a recall to notify owners that C E White personnel are to inspect and repair loose or missing D-ring mounting nut on 3-point lap/shoulder belted seats, as needed.

Production Dates : MAR 14, 2015 - MAY 22, 2015

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Loose or missing D-ring mounting nut on C E White 3-point lap/shoulder belted passenger seats.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : HSM/C E White has determined that in the event of a vehicle crash, there may be increased risk of injury or death, due to the possible detachment of the shoulder belt D-ring from the seat frame. If this occurs, there is increased risk that the seat occupant may accelerate forward, impacting the seat or barrier in the adjacent forward position. Please Note: The effective safety performance of seat compartmentalization will not be affected by this condition.

Description of the Cause : Upon field inspection HSM/C E White has determined that some 3-point lap/shoulder belt passenger seats may contain loose or missing D-ring mounting nuts. Note: The root cause of this defect is currently under investigation.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : There is no audible warning of the D-ring detachment. However, there may be visible indications of detachment, in that the shoulder belt at the seat pass-through grommet area may seem extraordinarily loose when tugged on during use, and as a result may tend to pull the seat grommet and cover away from the body of the seat.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : HSM Transportation & Specialty Manufact

Address : 2601 Northland Drive
Elkhart INDIANA 46514

Country : United States

Chronology :

March 21, 2017, HSM notified Blue Bird of their 573 filed with NHTSA.

March 21, 2017, A decision was made to issue a recall on all affected units. No accidents or injuries have been reported, as a result of this issue.

March 22, 2017 - Currently working with HSM to manage the field activity to completion.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : HSM/CE White personnel to inspect and repair, as needed during the inspection process.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

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

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Planned notification date: April 24, 2017
Parts are anticipated to be available on April 24, 2017.
Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 24, 2017 - APR 24, 2017
Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 24, 2017 - APR 24, 2017

* NR - Not Reported