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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 18V-880 School Bus NHTSA Recall Number: 18V-881 Non-School Bus

DATE: February 7, 2019
TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: RECALL R19ZU, Hydraulic Parking Brake Cable Retention

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

This important safety recall notice applies to your buses identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the attached pink reply sheet.

Blue Bird Body Company is recalling certain model year 2019 Vision and All American School Buses manufactured from March 8, 2018 through June 23, 2018 and certain model year 2019 Vision and All American Non-School Buses manufactured from March 14, 2018 through April 20, 2018. There is the potential of an unintended disengagement of the parking brake cable that sets the hydraulic parking brake from the retention clevis on the foot pedal assembly. In the event that the parking brake cable becomes dislodged, there is an increased possibility of unintended movement, when the vehicle is parked. This is a noncompliance issue with FMVSS 105, Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems.

To correct this condition, a clevis cable retention clip and a cable-end return spring will be installed to prevent the cable from disengaging from the pedal retention clevis and to remove slack in the cable to return the cable to the completely released position.

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of inspection and potential repairs relating to this recall at no cost to you the Dealer or to the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish these repairs in accordance with the R19ZU installation procedure is 0.5 hours.

If Blue Bird's 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 pink reply sheet. **Dealers should verify correct owners and assure that complete mailing and shipping addresses are provided for each listed owner.**

It is the Dealer's responsibility to verify that the correct owner name, address, and telephone number is provided for each listed vehicle. Any corrections or updates should be made in ClaimsCenter. Addresses that cannot be updated should be forwarded to the Recall Administrator.

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.



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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 Lisa Hancock at 478-822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com. Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to Lisa Hancock, as well.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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