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**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**  
**(Interim Notice)**

**NHTSA Recall Number: 19V-795 School Bus**  
**NHTSA Recall Number: 19V-796 Non-School Bus**

**DATE: December 10, 2019**  
**TO: U.S. DEALERS**  
**SUBJECT: RECALL R19AI – Service Brake Switch Bracket Deformation on Driver Control Module**

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 yellow cover sheet.

Blue Bird Body Company is voluntarily recalling certain model year 2013 to 2020 Blue Bird Vision School Buses equipped with Ford engines manufactured from January 10, 2012 through August 7, 2019 and certain model year 2013 to 2020 Blue Bird Vision Non-school Buses manufactured from November 20, 2012 through March 28, 2019. On the subject buses, the potential exists that the brake switch mounting bracket could deform, as a result of a rapid return of the brake pedal to the non-braking position. This is most commonly a result of the driver's foot slipping off of the brake pedal while the pedal is fully depressed. A deformed brake switch mounting bracket could result in continuously illuminated brake lights and a brake warning light in the vehicle instrument cluster. There is no direct safety consequence because the brake system continues to function normally. However, local operating procedures may require the bus to stop immediately due to the illuminated brake warning light in the vehicle's instrument cluster. The transfer of passengers to another bus in potentially hazardous conditions could increase the risk of injury.

To correct this potential issue, Blue Bird will provide the affected Dealers and owners with instructions on how to remove the existing brake switch mounting bracket and install the provided redesigned mounting bracket. Blue Bird will also provide a new brake switch as part of the kit to ensure that the switch has the correct set point after the new brake switch mounting bracket is installed. **Parts for this recall are anticipated to be available in March, 2020. Campaigns Administration will notify you again, when the parts are available. When requesting parts, please specify air or hydraulic.**

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repairs related 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 recall installation procedure is 0.6 hours per bus.

Parts to complete Recall R19AI can be obtained from Blue Bird Recall Administration via e-mail at [campaignparts@blue-bird.com](mailto:campaignparts@blue-bird.com) or by returning the yellow cover sheet to Blue Bird in the pink self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope to receive parts at no charge. You should retain a copy of the reply sheet for your records.

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 yellow cover 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.



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**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.

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](mailto: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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