



R20AQ

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 20V-249 School Bus

DATE: May 28, 2020

SUBJECT: R20AQ – Hand Lever Park Brake Cable Routing with Ford 6.8L Gas Engines

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow cover sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

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

Blue Bird Body Company is recalling certain model year 2018 to 2021 Vision School Buses manufactured from September 21, 2016 through February 3, 2020. On certain Blue Bird Vision buses with gasoline engines equipped with an optional right-hand mounted parking brake lever, the cable may contact the gasoline fuel supply line to the engine, which may result in a fuel leak. Blue Bird has elected to conduct a voluntary safety recall to correct any potential contact between the parking brake cable and gasoline fuel supply line. Blue Bird has evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety and determined that there is an increased potential of a fire should the contact between the parking brake cable and gasoline fuel supply line result in a fuel leak. A fire could increase the risk of injury and/or damage to property.

To correct this potential issue, Blue Bird will notify owners by mail and provide the affected dealers and owners with the necessary hardware and associated remedy instructions to inspect the fuel line for wear on affected buses and secure the parking brake cable so it cannot contact or cause wear on the gasoline fuel line.

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repairs related to this recall at no cost to the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish these repairs in accordance with the R20AQ remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

Repair Options and allowable labor times for this campaign:

Repair A (Inspection and Clamp Installation):

- 0.20 hours (12 minutes)

Repair B (Fuel Line Replacement, If Needed):

- 0.60 hours (36 minutes)



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Parts to complete Recall R20AQ must be obtained from Blue Bird Recall Administration via e-mail at campaignparts@blue-bird.com or return the yellow cover sheet to Blue Bird in the pink, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope to receive parts at no charge. Be sure to provide a valid shipping address as UPS does not deliver to post office boxes. You should retain a copy of the reply sheet for your records. Parts should be available at/by the end of June.

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, attach a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage prepaid envelope included with the pink reply sheet to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. 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.

Please contact your local Blue Bird Dealer with any questions regarding this recall campaign.

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>