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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE
NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-284 (School Bus)
NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-285 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: June 4, 2021
TO: U.S. DEALERS
SUBJECT: R21BE – Bendix SC-3 Single Check Valve FMVSS 121 Noncompliance

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 the following:

- Certain model year 2020 to 2022 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
 - manufactured from August 7, 2020 through January 25, 2021
- Certain model year 2020 to 2022 All American School Buses
 - manufactured from August 11, 2020 through January 28, 2021
- Certain model year 2022 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Buses
 - manufactured from September 3, 2020 through December 8, 2020
- Certain model year 2022 Blue Bird All American Non-School Buses
 - manufactured from September 10, 2020 through February 3, 2021

On the subject buses, it has been determined that certain Blue Bird buses could fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 121, Air Brake Systems. A retainer was not properly seated during assembly of the SC-3 Single Check valve, such that when air pressure is applied, it may no longer provide source air isolation as defined and required by FMVSS 121. Unintended spring brake application may occur, increasing the risk of a crash.

Blue Bird shall conduct a voluntary safety recall to correct this noncompliance.

Corrective Action:

To correct this noncompliance, Blue Bird will notify the affected dealers and owners and will provide inspection and repair instructions. All SC-3 Check Valves manufactured between July 27, 2020, and September 9, 2020 are subject to this recall. The recalled SC-3 Single Check Valves may not have the retainer fully seated in the retainer groove. The SC-3 Check Valves that are not subject to this recall have the retainer fully seated in the retainer groove. The safety risk is a spring brake application that is uncommanded by the driver may result. Recall R21BE should be inspected and repaired, per R21BE Recall Instructions. You may request parts at campaignparts@blue-bird.com
Parts are currently available.

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of 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 this repair is outlined below:**

- **R21BE Inspection and Repair**
 - 0.5 hours (30 minutes)



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Administering the Recall:

Parts to complete Recall R21BE are currently available.

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.

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. Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to Lisa Hancock, as well.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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