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**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

**NHTSA Recall Number: 21V-778 School Bus**

**DATE:** November 30, 2021  
**TO:** U.S. DEALERS  
**SUBJECT:** R21BN: Hydraulic Brake Line Rub on Ford 7.3L

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 2022 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
  - manufactured from May 3, 2021 through June 14, 2021

On the subject buses, it has been determined on certain Blue Bird buses the retaining clamp used to secure the hydraulic brake line near the engine of the Vision units with the Ford 7.3L engine may not have been installed on the affected buses. If the clamp is not installed, the brake line can rub on the exhaust pipe causing a leak or failure of the line. Failure of the brake line would lead to:

1. Low brake pressure warning in the vehicle cluster,
2. Eventual loss or degradation of the front service brakes, and/or
3. Eventual loss or degradation of rear service brakes.

Blue Bird has evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this condition and determined that there is a potential for injury to the occupants and bystanders in the event that the brake line retaining clamp was not installed. Loss of braking ability increases the risk of a crash.

**Corrective Action:**

To correct this condition, the hydraulic brake lines near the engine will need to be inspected for proper installation. Any missing hardware will need to be installed according to the Blue Bird provided R21BN Recall Instructions.

**Labor Reimbursement:**

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 R21BN remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

**Repair Options and allowable labor times for this campaign, outlined as follows:**

**Repair A: Secure Hydraulic Brake Line**

- .2 Hours (12 minutes)

**Repair B: Brake Line Replacement** *(if necessary)*

- 1.7 Hours (102 minutes)



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**Administering the Recall and Parts:**

Parts to complete Recall R21BN will be available on January 3, 2022. You may request parts through [campaignparts@blue-bird.com](mailto:campaignparts@blue-bird.com)

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](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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