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**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

**NHTSA Recall Number: 21V-083 School Bus**  
**NHTSA Recall Number: 21V-084 Non-School Bus**

**DATE: April 14, 2021**

**SUBJECT: R21BC: Hydraulic Brake Electronic Control Unit (ECU) Programming**

**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 pink 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 voluntarily recalling the following:

- Certain model year 2021 through 2022 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
  - manufactured from December 12, 2019 through November 11, 2020
- Certain model year 2022 Blue Bird All American School Bus
  - manufactured from October 28, 2020 through November 4, 2020
- Certain model year 2022 Blue Bird All American Non-School Buses
  - manufactured from August 17, 2020 through August 24, 2020

On the subject buses, it has been determined that certain Blue Bird buses with hydraulic brakes and Electronic Stability Control (ESC) did not have the ECU programmed to vehicle specific parameters. This can cause the ESC to not be able to function as designed and may not work in an optimized condition based on vehicle parameters. The affected buses will have the ECU modulator assembly part number identified and repaired accordingly. Blue Bird evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this issue and determined that, in the event of an accident, there is a potential for injury to the occupant if the ESC does not operate, as designed. Blue Bird shall conduct a voluntary safety recall to correct this potential issue.

**Corrective Action:**

Please contact your local Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have the Recall performed and to ensure that parts are available at the dealership. To locate an authorized dealer, search online at [www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer](http://www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer). The Recall will take approximately four hours and will be performed at no charge to you.

**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.



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**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>