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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 21V-778 School Bus

DATE: November 30, 2021

SUBJECT: R21BN: Hydraulic Brake Line Rub on Ford 7.3L

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 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:

Please contact your local Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have the Recall performed and to ensure parts are available at the dealership. To locate an authorized dealer, search online at www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer. 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 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

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>