

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 22V-274 School Bus NHTSA Recall Number: 22V-275 Non-School Bus

DATE: June 14, 2022

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: R22BU: Ford 7.3L 100-Gallon Gasoline Supply Line Routing

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 2022-2023 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
 - o manufactured from May 3, 2021 through April 13, 2022
- Certain model year 2022-2023 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Buses
 - manufactured from June 23, 2021 through October 29, 2021

On the subject buses, it has been determined on certain Blue Bird Vision Buses equipped with the Ford 7.3L gasoline engine and 100-gallon tank may have an incorrectly routed gasoline supply line which creates a potential rubbing condition with a nearby bolt head. This rubbing condition could lead to damage of the supply line creating a potential for a fuel leak. This defect was identified during a review of an in-process chassis. No field complaints have been received related to this issue. Blue Bird has evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this condition which could lead to damage of the gasoline supply line creating a potential for a fuel leak. A gasoline supply line fuel leak could increase the risk of a fire with the affected units.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, a frame mounted clamping point must be removed and relocated to allow proper routing for the affected gasoline supply line. The affected gasoline supply line should also be inspected and replaced if any signs of wear or damage are observed. Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repair related to this recall at no cost to the Dealer or to the vehicle owner. Recall R22BU should be inspected and repaired, per R22BU Recall Instructions. You may request parts at <u>campaignparts@blue-bird.com</u> Parts will be available on or before August 11, 2022.

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 R22BU remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

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

Repair A: Inspection Only

- 0.1 Hours (6 minutes)
- Repair B: Inspect and Repair (if necessary)
- 0.5 Hours (30 minutes)

Repair C: Inspect and Replace Supply Line (if necessary)

1 Hour (60 minutes)

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Administering the Recall and Parts:

Parts to complete Recall R22BU will be available on or before **August 11, 2022.** You may request parts through <u>campaignparts@blue-bird.com</u>

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 <u>lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com</u> Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to Lisa Hancock, as well.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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