

R22CD

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

NHTSA Recall Number: 22V-763 School Bus

DATE: December 7, 2022

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: R22CD: Parts 1192 ADA Noncompliance Minimum Handrail Diameter

This notice applies to your buses identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the attached yellow cover sheet.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in:

- Certain model year 2023 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Buses
  - o manufactured from May 7, 2022 through August 30, 2022
- Certain model year 2023 Blue Bird All American Non-School Buses
  - o manufactured from June 25, 2022 through September 20, 2022

On the subject buses, it has been determined that certain Blue Bird Vision (BBCV) and All American (T3FE/T3RE) Non-School Buses calling for Handrail Part Number 10075076 may have an incorrectly sized diameter. The affected buses have a 1" diameter handrail. A smaller handrail size may be difficult to grip for some people, increasing the risk of injury. This issue is not compliant with Part 1192, Americans with Disability Act (ADA), Appendix A, Chapter 3, T303.3.2 which require a minimum diameter of 1.25". There is no advanced warning of the undersized handrail diameter.

#### **Corrective Action:**

To correct this condition, all affected vehicles will need to have the 1" diameter handrail replaced with the 1.25" version. Units should be inspected to determine if the 1" diameter handrail was used. 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 R22CD should be inspected and repaired, per R22CD Recall Instructions. You may request parts at <a href="mailto:campaignparts@blue-bird.com">campaignparts@blue-bird.com</a> Parts are currently available.

### 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 R22CD remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

Repair Option and allowable labor time for this campaign, outlined as follows:

Repair A: Replace

0.10 Hours (6 minutes)



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## **Administering the Recall and Parts**:

Parts to complete Recall R22CD are currently available. You may request parts through <a href="mailto:com">campaignparts@blue-bird.com</a>

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 <a href="mailto:lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com">lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com</a> Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to Lisa Hancock, as well.

Sincerely,

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