



R24CW

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 24V-048 (School Bus)

DATE: March 12, 2024
TO: U.S. DEALERS
SUBJECT: R24CW: Park Brake Hand Lever Secondary Latch

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain:

- Model year 2024 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
 - Manufactured from December 12, 2022 through September 6, 2023

This 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.

On the subject buses, Blue Bird and Orscheln has determined certain Blue Bird Vision (BBCV) School Buses equipped with the Orscheln secondary park brake lever may be released without pushing the release button. A brake lever exhibiting the concern will still engage the park brake in the applied lever position. The parking brake secondary release mechanism may malfunction and allow the lever to be released without pressing the release button. Blue Bird evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to the unintentional release of the parking brake which may result in a vehicle roll-away, if the primary brake latch disengages and the secondary latch malfunctions, increasing the risk of a crash. The secondary park brake application is affected and could be released unintentionally leading to a potential failure, if the primary brake disengages. Blue Bird shall conduct a voluntary safety recall to correct the safety issue.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, the Dealer or the owner will complete an inspection to verify operation. The Inspection process is to pull on the hand brake lever three times without pressing the release button to verify if the lever releases without the release button pressed. If lever does not release after three pulls, no defect is present. If the lever releases during a pulling event without the release button pressed, the lever is defective and will be replaced with a known good service brake lever assembly. Blue Bird R24CW will be remedied according to the R24CW Recall Instructions.

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the Inspection and Repair related to this recall at no cost to the Dealer or to the vehicle owner.

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repairs related to this recall at no cost to the Dealer or the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish these repairs in accordance with the R24CW remedy procedure(s) is outlined below. The remedy would be comprised of Repair A or Repair A in combination with Repair B based on the inspection findings.

Repair A: Inspection Only 0.1 Hours (6 minutes)

Repair B: Repair 0.4 Hours (24 minutes)



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Administering the Recall and Parts:

Parts are currently available through Blue Bird Service Parts and should be added to the R24CW Claim.

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 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 Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to Lisa Hancock, as well.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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