



R24CW

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 24V-048 (School Bus)

**DATE:** March 12, 2024

**SUBJECT:** R24CW: Park Brake Hand Lever Secondary Latch

**Dear Blue Bird Owner:**

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 affected vehicles will need to be inspected and repaired, per R24CW Recall Instructions. 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 repair related to this recall at no cost to the vehicle owner. Please contact your local Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have the Recall performed. To locate an authorized dealer, search online at [www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer](http://www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer) **Parts are currently available and can be ordered through your local Blue Bird Dealer.**

### **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 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:**

**Blue Bird recommends you contact your local or nearest Blue Bird Dealer to arrange for this recall to be performed.** To locate an authorized dealer, search online at [www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer](http://www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer). The Dealer can perform the repairs, or arrange for repairs to be performed by a service repair facility authorized by the Dealer. **Parts are currently available through Blue Bird Service Parts.**

**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>