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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V852

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: Dec 15, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V852

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Address: P.O. Box 937
402 Blue Bird Boulevard
Fort Valley GA, 31030

Total number of potentially involved: 52

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2027 BLUE BIRD VISION

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Jul 15, 2024 - Oct 03, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 52

Descriptive Information:

These are the buses with wheel chair lifts installed and the buses that are not part of this population.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Ricon Wheel chair lifts installed on affected buses may have been installed with only 4 brackets/reinforcements instead of the required five.

FMVSS1: 404 - Platform lift installations

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

Due to missing bracket, there is an increased risk of structural failure that could lead to risk of injury.

Description of the cause:

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This issue was a result of manufacturing error.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

No Warning shall occur

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Blue Bird

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Center Brace for Ricon Lift

Component Description: Center Bracket, Nut, Bolt and Washer

Component Part Number: 10056541, 01522713, 0054321, 01107085

Chronology

October 2025: During inspection of an unrelated topic one of the engineers observed that there were only 4 brackets being installed on Ricon wheelchair lifts. This resulted in investigation and identify any in house units and repair them. Simultaneously Ricon was notified and requested for them to analyze if 4 brackets will still ensure compliance to their strength.

November 2025: Ricon conducted internal investigation and informed Blue Bird that they cannot support compliance for lifts with only 4 brackets installed.

December 2025: Blue Bird agreed that this is a noncompliance with respect to FMVSS 404 S4.1.3

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

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Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Field action would include installation of 1 center brace 10056541, 2 bolts 00054321, 2 nuts 01522713, and 2 washers 01107085 where brace is missing

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Remedy will have 5 brackets installed for Ricon lifts. Currently affected lifts has 4 brackets.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Missing brackets for buses onsite was installed. This feature offering is now obsolete, this offering is no longer available.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule**Description of recall schedule:**

Dealer and Owner Notifications are to be issued on or before (Planned dealer notification date). Parts will be available at time of recall release.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Feb 11, 2026 - Feb 11, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: