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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V897

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: Jan 06, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V897

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: 2,356

Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2019-2027 BLUE BIRD ALL AMERICAN SCHOOL BUS (ELECTRIC)

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Oct 31, 2019 - Dec 02, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 1,029

Descriptive Information:

All Electric Vehicles built before December 2nd 2025 are included to be part of the population.

Vehicle 2: 2019-2027 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS (ELECTRIC)

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Oct 02, 2019 - Dec 02, 2620

Number of potentially involved: 1,327

Descriptive Information:

All Electric Vehicles built before December 2nd 2025 are included to be part of the population.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

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Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Loose 12V cables can cause intermittent system failures or total loss of vehicle functions, including instrument panel displays, steering assist, braking assist, or traction motor shut down.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

Customers may experience intermittent or inoperative vehicle systems affecting instrument panel displays, lighting, braking or steering assist, and may result in loss of vehicle motion that could increase the potential for a crash.

Description of the cause:

Still under investigation

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Potential intermittent operation of electrical systems

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Blue Bird

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: 12V Connection

Component Description: 12V power connection cable

Component Part Number:

Chronology

November 2025: Report of an electric school bus being involved in an accident. Customer mentioned the vehicle lost propulsion when in motion and collided with a tree. There was no injuries or deaths due

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to this accident.

November 2025: Blue Bird Customer Service team investigated and identified a power cable was unsecured at the 12V battery disconnect switch.

December 2025: Blue Bird started an internal investigation to identify the cause.

December 2025: Blue Bird Product Safety Committee decided to voluntarily recall EV's to verify the power cable connections.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Dealers will inspect the 12V connections and check torque. If any connections are found to be loose dealer will torque the fastener to specification and add a torque stripe.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Remedied vehicles will have fasteners fastened to the right torque.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Torque verification process was added in the quality check process.

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 17, 2026

No Dealers

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Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Feb 17, 2026

Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: