



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 25V897

**Manufacturer Name:** Blue Bird Body Company

**Submission Date:** Dec 19, 2025

**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:** 2,372

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 1%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2022-2024 BLUE BIRD ALL AMERICAN TRANSIT BUS (ELECTRIC)

**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Electric Battery Power

**Production Dates:** Mar 09, 2022 - Sep 19, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 16

**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, 2020

**Number of potentially involved:** 1,327

**Descriptive Information:**

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

**Vehicle 3:** 2019-2027 BLUE BIRD ALL AMERICAN SCHOOL BUS (ELECTRIC)

**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

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**25V897****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.

## Defect / Noncompliance Description

**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:**

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## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:**

**Component Description:**

**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.

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

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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**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Feb 17, 2026 Phased Recall**Date when VIN will be searchable:**