



R26DY

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 25V-897 (School Bus)

NHTSA Number: 26V-002 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: R26DY: Electric Vehicles May Shut Down

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 2019-2027 Blue Bird Vision School Bus Units (BBCV):
 - Manufactured from January 27, 2020 through November 21, 2025
- Model year 2019-2027 Blue Bird All American School Bus (T3RE)
 - October 31, 2019 through October 23, 2025
- Model years 2022-2024 Blue Bird All American Non-School Bus Units (T3RE)
 - March 9, 2025 through April 30, 2024

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.

Blue Bird is recalling certain 2019-2027 Vision and All American School and Non-School Buses as a result of loose 12V cables which may cause intermittent system failures or total loss of vehicle functions, including instrument panel displays, steering assist, braking assist, or traction motor shut down. 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.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, Blue Bird shall conduct a safety recall to repair per R26DY Recall Instructions. Dealers will replace and re-torque the 12V connections as identified in the recall instructions and verifying by placing a torque stripe on each connection that was repaired. Remedied vehicles will have fasteners fastened to the correct torque.

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

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the Repair related to this recall at no cost to the Dealer or the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish the repairs in accordance with the R26DY remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

- Repair A: R26DY Repair (BBCV Core 1) - 2.0 Hours (120 Minutes)
- Repair B: R26DY Repair (BBCV Core 2) - 1.0 Hour (60 Minutes)
- Repair C: R26DY Repair (T3RE Core 1) - 1.5 Hours (90 Minutes)
- Repair D: R26DY Repair (T3RE Core 2) - 0.5 Hours (30 Minutes)



Administering the Recall and Parts:

Recall R26DY should be repaired, per R26DY Recall Instructions. You may request parts at campaignparts@blue-bird.com

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 complete mailing and shipping addresses are provided for each listed owner.**

It is the dealer's responsibility to verify the correct owner's 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 campaignparts@blue-bird.com

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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Models Affected: Certain Model Year 2019 – 2027 Blue Bird Vision (BBCV) and All American (T3RE) School Buses and Non-School Buses equipped with any electric powertrain

Issue: Critical safety systems rely on unswitched sources of 12 volt energy. There are a number of connection points that could become unsecure and create an unsafe condition.

Corrective Action:

1. Replace both DCM pass through studs & nuts on the firewall on CV platforms.
2. Inspect all defined connection points and torque to defined values.

Component Code:

- 50-100-109

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WARNING: Always follow all Federal, State, Local and Shop safety standards and use proper safety equipment, and thoroughly read and understand all instructions before performing these procedures.

Park bus on level surface, apply parking brake, turn off ignition key, disconnect 12v battery and chock wheels.



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Parts:

Model / System	Part Number	Description	Quantity
All	00058153	STUD, ELECT PASSTHROUGH, 3/8 BLACK	1
All	00058154	STUD, ELECT PASSTHROUGH, 3/8 RED	1
All	01464536	NUT, BATTERY CABLE, .375 STUD	As Required
BBCV & T3RE / Core 1 (To 5/24/2022)	10075021	MODULE, PDU, BPDA FOR EV COREII	1
BBCV & T3RE / Core 1 (To 5/24/2022)	01667773	CAPSCREW, HEX HD, 1/4-20X1 1/4, GR5, YEL ZNDICH	3
BBCV & T3RE / Core 1 (To 5/24/2022)	01247709	WASHER, FLAT, .2656 ID X .625 OD, YEL ZNDICH	6
BBCV & T3RE / Core 1 (To 5/24/2022)	02001345	NUT, HEX HD, .25-20, LOCKING, YEL ZNDICH	3
BBCV & T3RE / Core 2 (To 08/2024)	10064105	SWITCH, DISCONNECT, BATTERY POWER	As Required
BBCV & T3RE / Core 2 (From 08/2024)	10080635	SWITCH, DISCONNECT, BATTERY POWER	As Required

Tools:

General Hand Tools
Inch-Pound torque Wrench
Foot-Pound torque Wrench

Torque Legend

- 180 in-lbs. (20.34 Nm)
- 140 in-lbs. (15.82 Nm)
- 120 in-lbs. (13.56 Nm)
- 80 in-lbs. (9.0 Nm)
- 75 in-lbs. (8.5 Nm)
- 40 in-lbs. (4.52 Nm)



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CV Core 2:

1. Remove negative battery cable from 12v Battery bank and secure.
2. Replace both positive and negative DCM pass through studs. (See Figure 1 & 2)
3. Service locations highlighted in Figures 4 - 7. Any connections/components found to have any thermal stress MUST be replaced.
4. Clean/prep connection(s) per Figure 3, and torque per legend on Page 2.

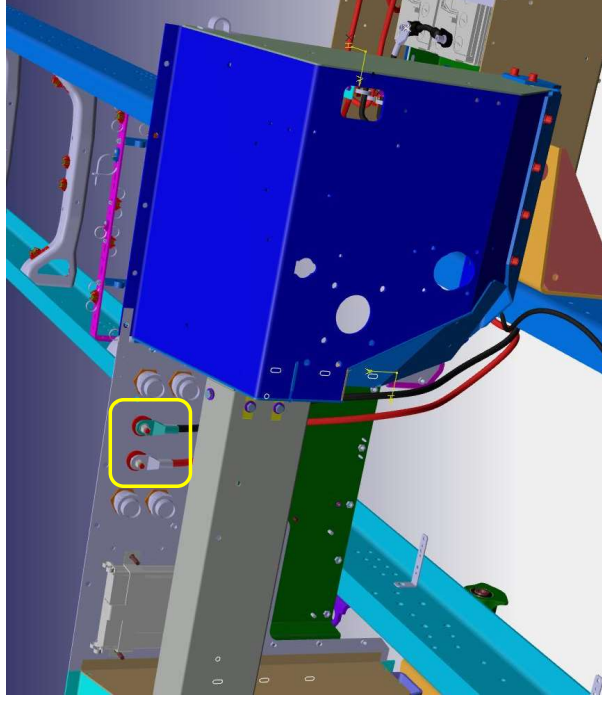


Figure 1

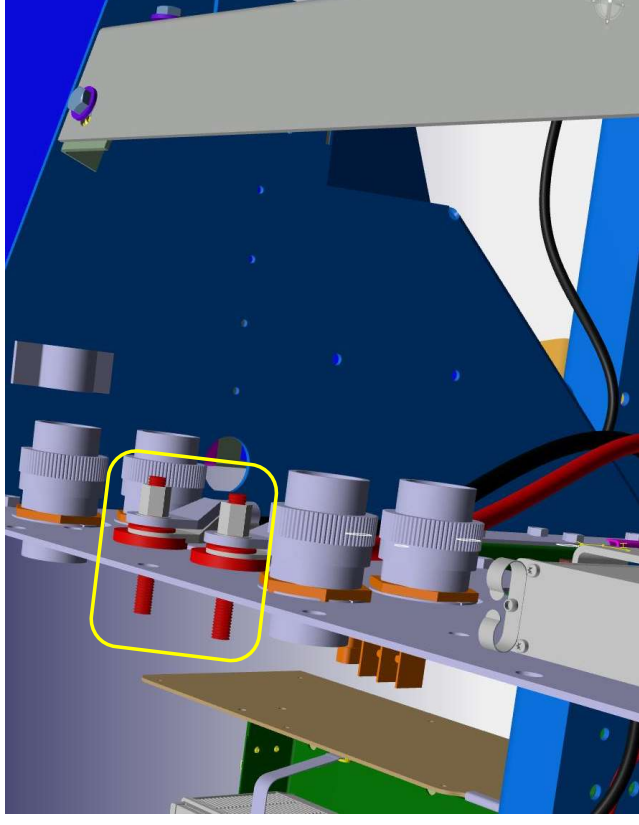


Figure 2



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CV Core 2 cont'd:



Figure 3



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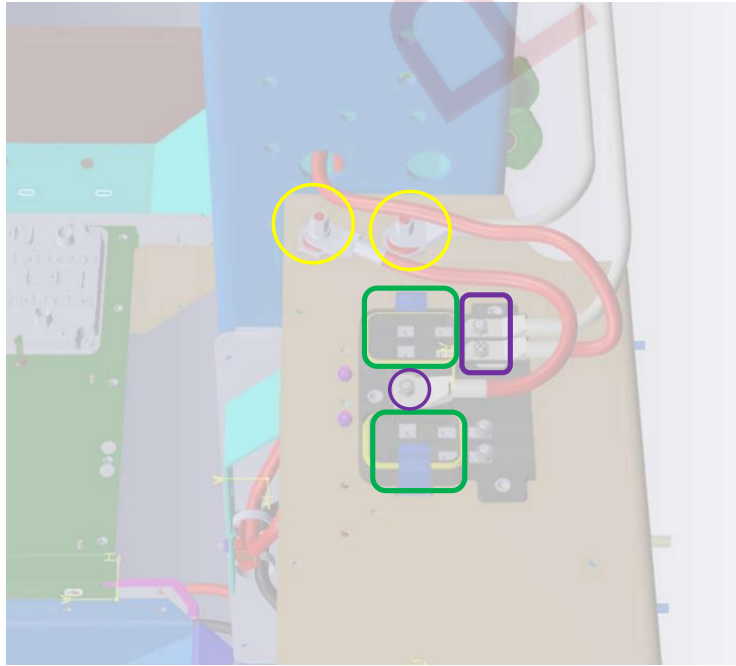


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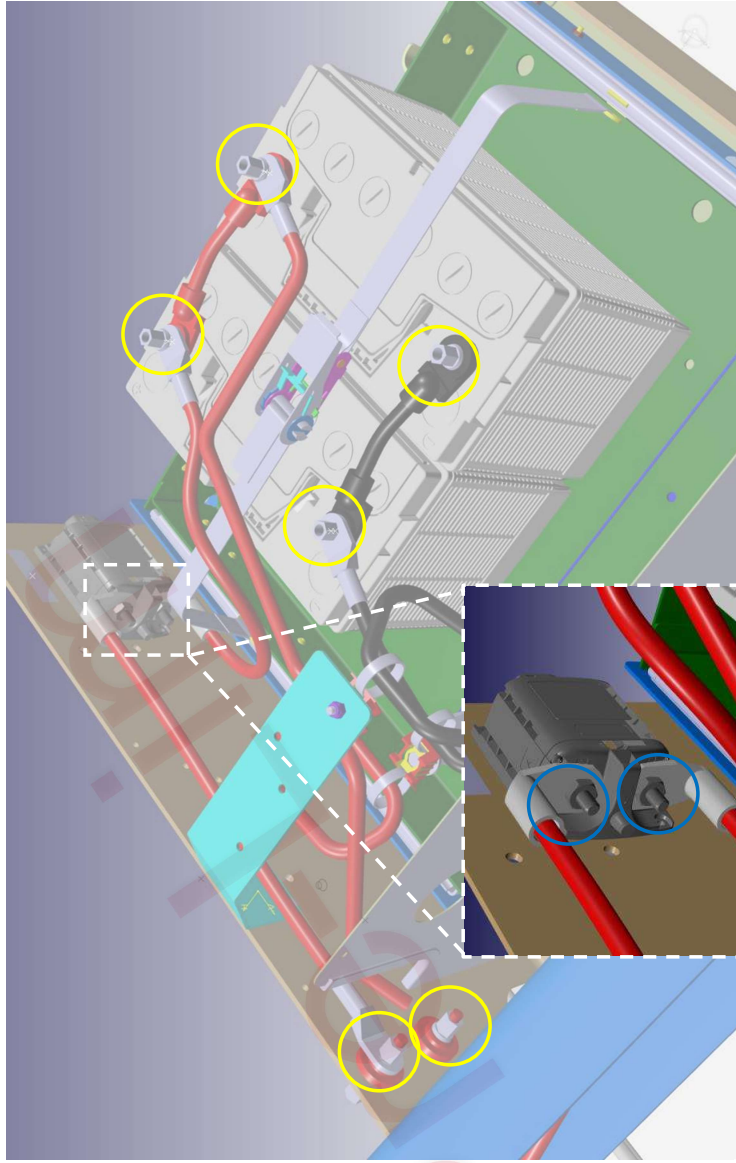


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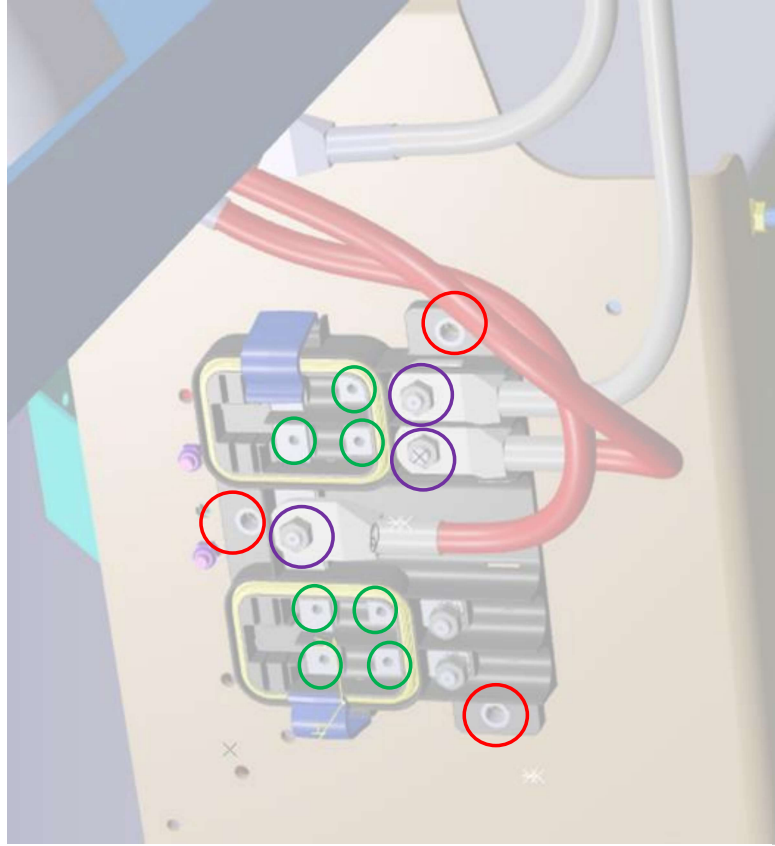


Figure 6



Figure 7



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T3 Core 2:

1. Remove negative battery cable from 12v Battery bank and secure.
2. Service locations highlighted in Figures 8 - 12. Any connections/components found to have any thermal stress MUST be replaced.
3. Clean/prep connection(s) per Figure 3, and torque per legend on Page 2.

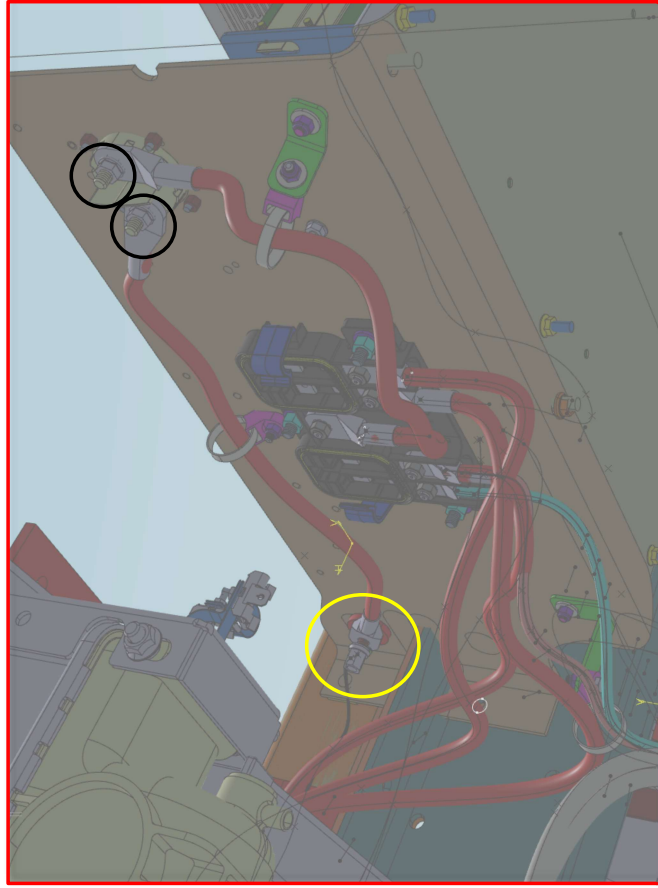


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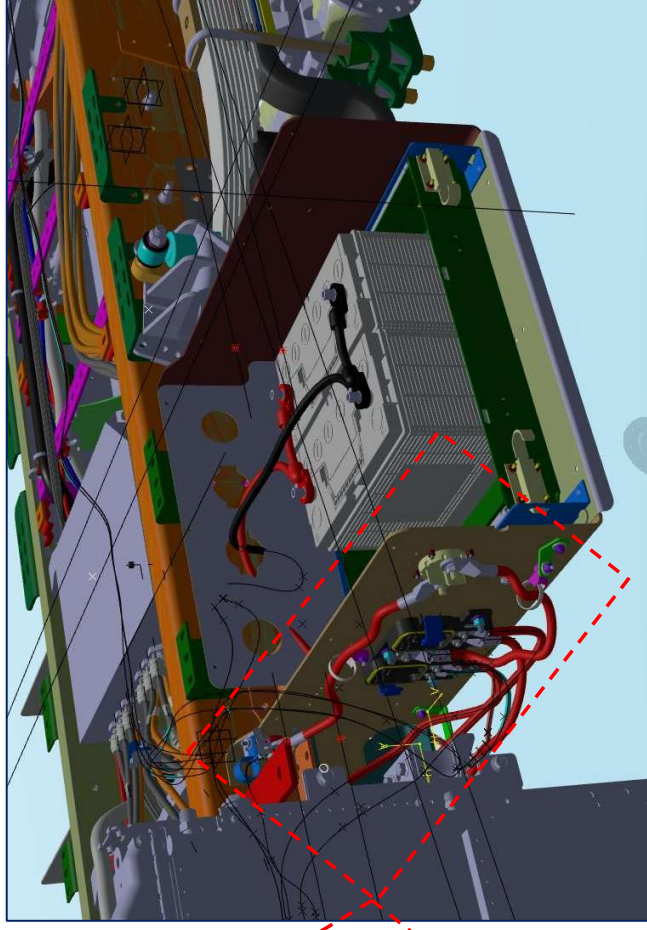


Figure 9



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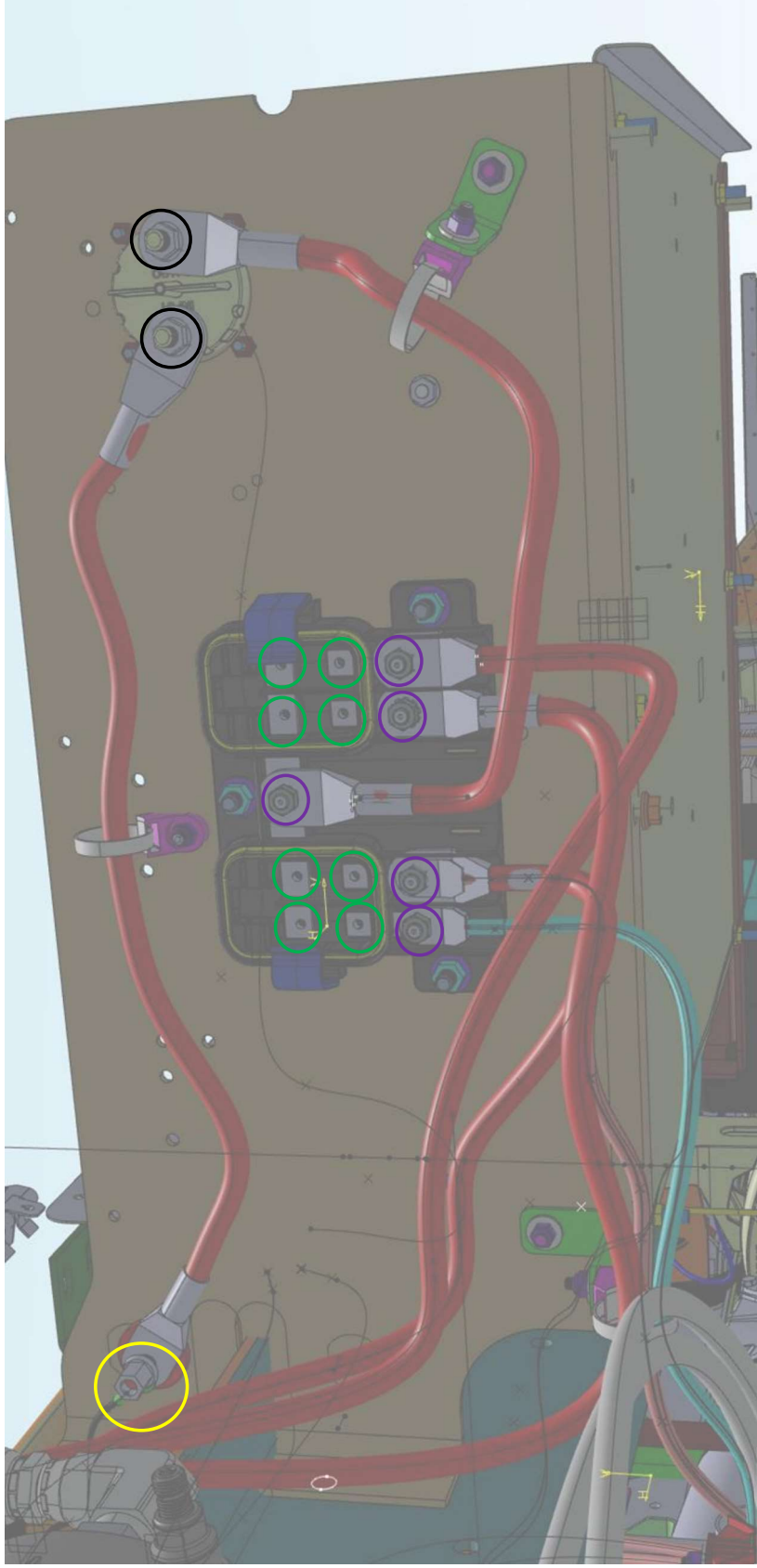


Figure 10



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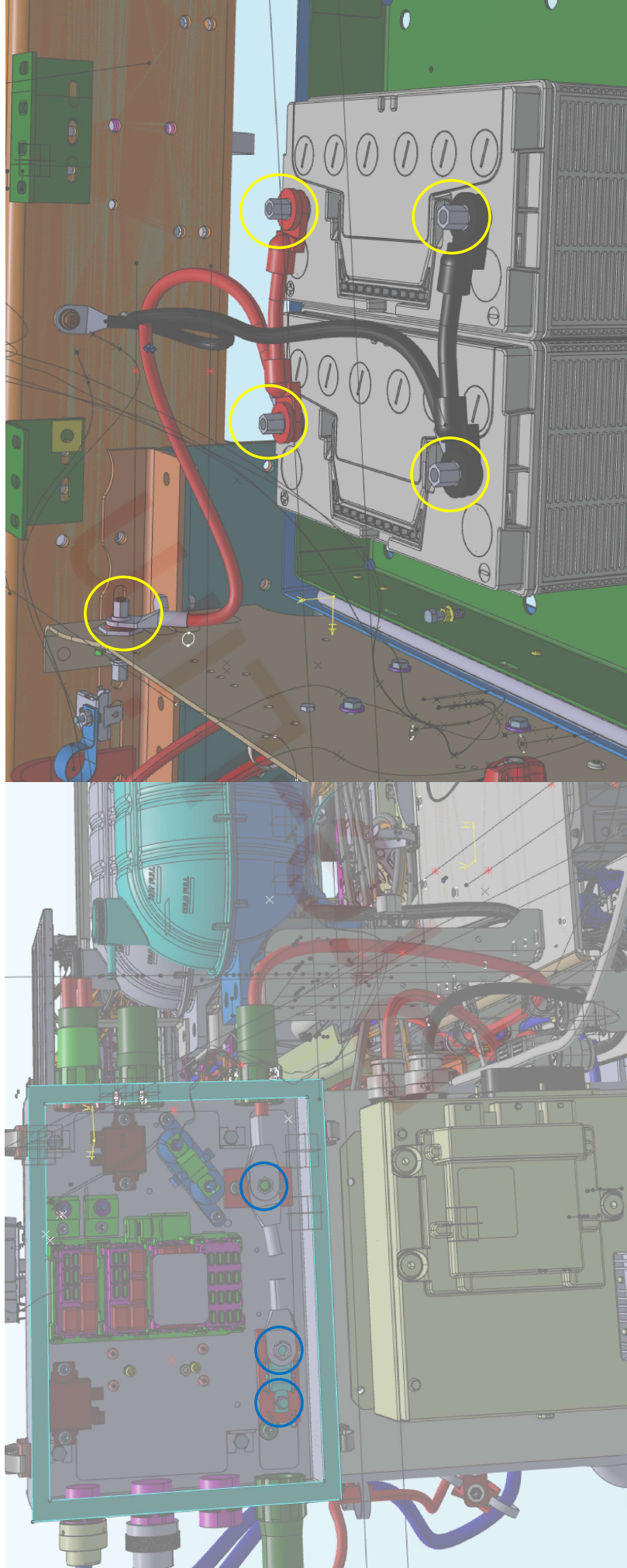


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Figure 12



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T3 & CV BPDA Upfit - Core 1 to Core 2

1. Remove battery negative cable and secure.
2. Remove all chassis cables from original BPDA and prep per Figure 3
3. Remove BPDA assy and install new BPDA per Figure 12
4. Torque connections on new BPDA per Figure 6

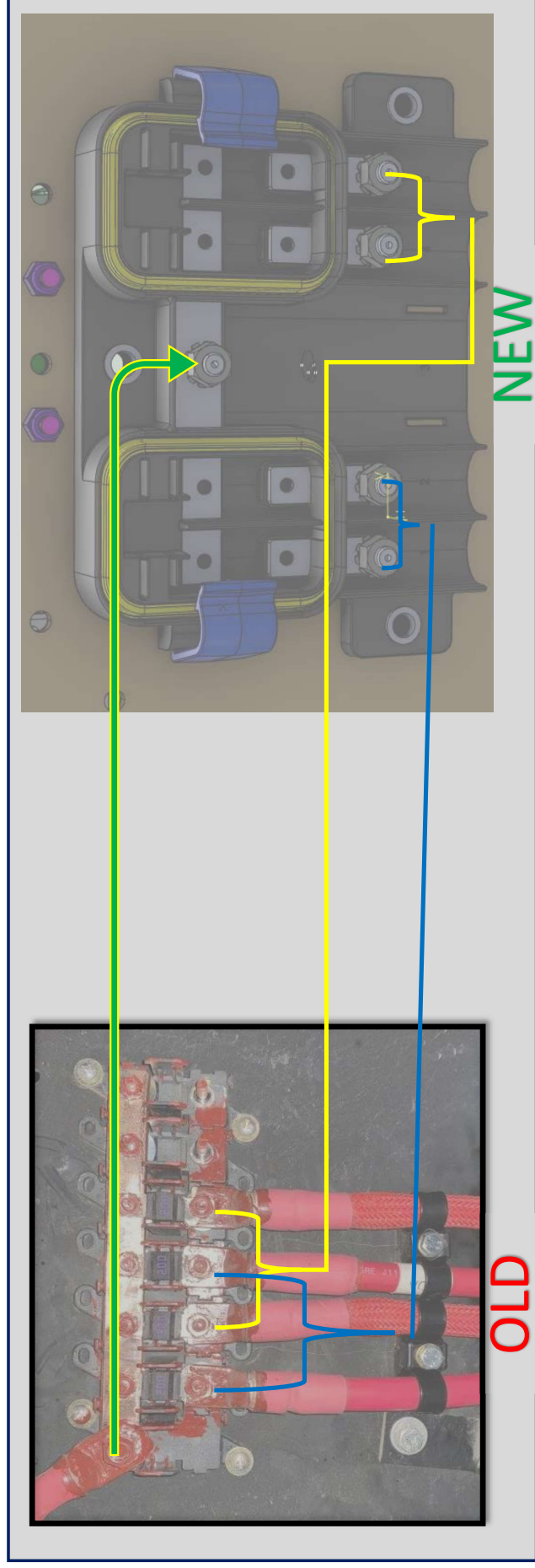


Figure 12