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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V033

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: Mar 20, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V033

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: 1

Estimated percentage with defect: 30%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 24, 2025 - Oct 22, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 1

Descriptive Information:

Supplier provided us with timeline on when this issue persisted in their plant. This was the basis of determining affected population.

Recalled products do not have clear window markings.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Lippert notified Blue Bird that certain windows in the recall population have DOT marking on the window which is partially illegible or not legible at all which is a FMVSS 205 violation.

FMVSS1: 205 - Glazing materials

FMVSS2:

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

Under certain conditions if the designator is illegible, safety personal may not know the type of glass

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leading to an increased risk of personal injury.

Description of the cause:

During production, the DOT etching was not applied by Lippert with sufficient depth, resulting in the designator being illegible.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

NA

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Lippert

Address: 2020 Blakesley Pkwy
Bristol IN, 46507

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Blue Bird Window Assembly

Component Description: DRIVER WINDOW,,CLEAR LAMINATED,BLACK FINISH,,,,,BLUE BIRD,,,,,,,,,MSB MODEL,,30-23

Component Part Number: BB-676538

Component Name 2: Blue Bird Window Assembly

Component Description: DRIVER WINDOW,,CLEAR LAMINATED,MILL FINISH,,,,,BLUE BIRD,,,,,,,,,MSB MODEL,,30-23

Component Part Number: BB-676528

Chronology

12/15/2025 – Blue Bird Corporation informed Lippert that the markings are not clear after a bus was inspected at the border and found the DOT designator on a window illegible.

12/15/2025 – Investigation opened. Quality inspection and containment done at all Lippert manufacturing facilities of the windows for Blue Bird.

12/16/2025 –Quality inspection begins at Blue Bird facility.

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1/6/2026 – Investigation opened to determine scope and range of components.

1/15/2026 – Investigation concluded.

1/16/2026 – Lippert Recall Filed.

1/22/2026 - Blue Bird recall filed.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The remedy is to be determined by Lippert. Component Manufacturer Reimbursement Plan includes reimbursement of costs involved for parts, labor and freight to perform the remedy. Lippert will issue reimbursement to involved parties and will file quarterly recall completion reports .

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Dealers and owners will visually inspect the upper and lower glass of each bus window and correct the etching, if necessary.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Components were quarantined, inspected then re-etched as needed. Quality inspections are put in place to ensure DOT designators are legible.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Mar 20, 2026 - Mar 20, 2026

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

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Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Mar 20, 2026 - Mar 20, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: