



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V319

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: May 20, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V319

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: 4

Estimated percentage with defect: 26%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2027-2027 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Nov 26, 2025 - Jan 21, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 4

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by Q-Straint. School buses outside the population have Q-Straint restraint systems with properly functioning retractors.

Vehicle 2: 2027-2027 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Nov 26, 2025 - Jan 21, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 4

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by Q-Straint. School buses outside the population have Q-Straint restraint systems with properly functioning retractors.

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Q'Straint informed Blue Bird that certain MY27 Blue Bird Vision vehicles may be equipped with a wheelchair restraint retractor that may fail to lock, further preventing proper wheelchair securement.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

An unlocked retractor will not properly secure a wheelchair, increasing the risk of injury or death in the event of normal vehicle travel, emergency maneuvers, or a crash.

Description of the cause:

As a result of internal component interference, the automatic release function may stick.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

An unlocked retractor is detectable during standard functional inspections, pre-trip inspections, or by observing abnormal wheelchair movement per the Q'Straint User and Care Manual.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Q'Straint

Address: 4031 NE 12th TERRACE
OAKLAND PARK FL, 33334

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Retractor

Component Description: QRT-3 Retractor

Component Part Number: 10041558

Chronology

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- April 20, 2026: Q'Straint filed a defect report with NHTSA
- May 14, 2026: Q'Straint notified Blue Bird that a defect report was filed with NHTSA
- May 20, 2026: Blue bird submitted a defect report with NHTSA

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

A Blue Bird dealership or owner will inspect the wheelchair restraint retractor and replace it if the part number and manufacturing date matches the suspect criteria.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

School buses outside of the population have Q-Straint restraint systems with properly functioning retractors.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Q'Straint segregated all suspect material in their inventory. Q'Straint confirms that products manufactured or shipped after February 17, 2026, do not contain the defect.

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 July 17, 2026. Parts will be available at time of recall release.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 17, 2026

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

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Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jul 17, 2026

Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: