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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V466

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: Jul 20, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V466

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: 5,096

Estimated percentage with defect: 5%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2027-2027 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Mar 15, 2021 - Jul 01, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 376

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have an exhaust hanger cotter pin that does not interfere with the hydraulic brake line.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Spark Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Mar 15, 2021 - Jul 01, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 907

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have an exhaust hanger cotter pin that does not interfere with the hydraulic brake line.

Vehicle 3: 2025-2025 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS

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26V466**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** School Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Mar 15, 2021 - Jul 01, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 461**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have an exhaust hanger cotter pin that does not interfere with the hydraulic brake line.

Vehicle 4: 2024-2024 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** School Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Mar 15, 2021 - Jul 01, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 2,544**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have an exhaust hanger cotter pin that does not interfere with the hydraulic brake line.

Vehicle 5: 2023-2023 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** School Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Mar 15, 2021 - Jul 01, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 229**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have an exhaust hanger cotter pin that does not interfere with the hydraulic brake line.

Vehicle 6: 2022-2022 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** School Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel

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26V466**Production Dates:** Mar 15, 2021 - Jul 01, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 579**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have an exhaust hanger cotter pin that does not interfere with the hydraulic brake line.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Certain MY22-27 Blue Bird Vision vehicles may be equipped with an exhaust hanger cotter pin that could rub against the hydraulic brake line.

FMVSS1:**FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

A leaking hydraulic brake line could result in brake fluid exposure to the exhaust and/or a brake system failure, further increasing the risk of a thermal event and/or crash.

Description of the cause:

Rubbing between the exhaust hanger cotter pin and hydraulic brake line could result in brake fluid leaking.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

The driver may be made aware of the issue through a potential loss of pressure in braking.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:****Name:** Blue Bird**Address:****Country:**

Involved Components

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Chronology

- March 27, 2026: NHTSA reached out to Blue Bird about a customer VOQ filing. The VOQ stated that, during inspection the customer observed an exhaust hanger cotter pin making direct contact with a hydraulic brake line.
- April, 2026: Blue Bird began an in-depth review of the exhaust hanger and brake line installations.
- July, 2026: Blue Bird's investigation revealed the supplier part did not match the released CAD. A review of build variation in production revealed the potential of a contact.
- July, 2026: Blue Bird revised the design in production to a split pin to eliminate any potential contact.
- July 20, 2026: Blue Bird submitted a defect report.

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 replace the exhaust hanger cotter pin. If contact to the brake line is found, the brake line will be replaced.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Vehicles outside of the population have an exhaust hanger cotter pin that does not interfere with the hydraulic brake line.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

In July 2026, the cotter pin was replaced by a split pin in production, while a new clip design is being completed.

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 September 18, 2026. A remedy will be available at the time of recall release.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Sep 18, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 18, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: