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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V520

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: Aug 10, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V520

Manufacturer Recall No.: R26AG

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: 92

Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2027-2027 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Oct 28, 2020 - Jul 23, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 9

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Oct 28, 2020 - Jul 23, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 12

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 3: 2026-2026 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS

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26V520**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Transit Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Oct 28, 2020 - Jul 23, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 12**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 4: 2025-2025 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Transit Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Oct 28, 2020 - Jul 23, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 10**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 5: 2025-2025 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Transit Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Oct 28, 2020 - Jul 23, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 10**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 6: 2024-2024 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Transit Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel

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26V520**Production Dates:** Oct 28, 2021 - Jul 23, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 36**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 7: 2024-2024 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Transit Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Oct 28, 2021 - Jul 23, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 36**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 8: 2023-2023 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Transit Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Oct 28, 2021 - Jul 23, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 25**Descriptive Information:**

The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Vehicle 9: 2023-2023 BLUE BIRD VISION TRANSIT BUS**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Transit Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Spark Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Oct 28, 2021 - Jul 23, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 25**Descriptive Information:**

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The recall was determined by an internal investigation. Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Certain MY23-27 Blue Bird Vision vehicles may be equipped with an unfused 12V power wire on the C or D-Zone harness that could be damaged from abrasion, further resulting in a potential disruption of critical safety functions on fused circuits.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

A short to ground could result in the unfused wire radiating heat to the surrounding wires in the harness, possibly disrupting critical safety functions. The affected safety functions include: front warning lights, marker lights, rear brake lights, reverse lights, license plate lights, and rear warning lights. The signal of the mentioned functions could be disrupted, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

Rubbing between the unfused 12V power wire and edges of body components could result in the C or D-Zone harness overheating, ultimately resulting in a short to ground.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

The driver may be made aware of the issue through an abnormal noise from the short, followed by the smell of melting plastic and/or visible melting of the wire molding and/or wire cover. Should such warnings occur, the driver should pull over and power off the vehicle.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Blue Bird

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: C-Zone Wiring Harness

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Component Description: Harness, WRG, Body C Zone BBCV

Component Part Number: 10056355

Component Name 2: D-Zone Wiring Harness

Component Description: Harness, WRG, Body, D Zone BBCV

Component Part Number: 10056356

Chronology

- April 2026: Blue Bird received field complaints where bus units experienced thermal stress of the C-Zone body harness.
- May 2026: Blue Bird began an in-depth review of the installation of the 12V power wire on the C and D-Zones. Blue Bird's investigation revealed that the power wire was rubbing on bus component edges over time, resulting in abrasion.
- July 2026: Blue Bird further ruled out the risk of a thermal event, as the C and D-Zone harnesses are contained within and around non-combustible materials. In the event of a short, all sparks would be contained.
- August 5, 2026: Blue Bird's Safety Committee determined that this issue affects safety critical components, deeming it a safety recall.
- August 10, 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 retrofit the C and D-Zone wire harnesses with an in-line fuse. They will further inspect specified areas for a potential rubbing condition and mitigate, if necessary. If the fuse blows after the retrofit takes place, the harness will be traced for a short to ground and further repaired or replaced.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Vehicles outside of the population have body electrical components that are mounted in the outside side electrical panel. In the event of a direct short, a fuse in the side electrical panel would trip and disconnect the power source.

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The wiring harness supplier will add an in-line fuse. Specified areas are being further inspected for a rubbing condition in production and mitigated, if necessary.

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 October 9, 2026. A remedy will be available at the time of recall release.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Oct 09, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Oct 09, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: