



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V556

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: Aug 31, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V556

Manufacturer Recall No.: R26AH

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: 82

Estimated percentage with defect: 1%

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: Sep 29, 2025 - Oct 24, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 23

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by Ricon. Vehicles outside of the population have a lift that ceases movement after the operator stops power to the lift.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 29, 2025 - Oct 24, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 34

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by Ricon. Vehicles outside of the population have a lift that ceases movement after the operator stops power to the lift.

Vehicle 3: 2025-2025 BLUE BIRD VISION SCHOOL BUS

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Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Sep 29, 2025 - Oct 24, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 25

Descriptive Information:

The recall was determined by Ricon. Vehicles outside of the population have a lift that ceases movement after the operator stops power to the lift.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

According to Ricon, certain MY25-27 Blue Bird Vision vehicles may be equipped with a Ricon K-Series Lift where the electrical contactor controlling power to the lift motor can fail in a closed (latched) state. Under certain conditions, this may allow voltage to continue powering the lift motor, leading to unintentional movement of the lift despite the operator commanding the lift to stop.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

According to Ricon, a platform lift that moves unintentionally could increase the risk of injury to the occupant or individuals in the vicinity.

Description of the cause:

According to Ricon, the defect was caused by a supplier's production deviation.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Ricon / Trombetta, subsidiary of SMP, In

Address: 8111 North 87th Street
Milwaukee WI, 53224

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Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: WHEEL CHAIR LIFT

Component Description: LIFT, WHEELCHAIR, 1000 LB, RIS5510

Component Part Number: RI19066, Trombetta 934-1254-610

Chronology

- August 24, 2026: NHTSA reached out to Blue Bird notifying that Ricon submitted a defect report on June 23, 2026 where Ricon identified Blue Bird as a purchaser of the defected equipment.
- August 25, 2026: Blue Bird internally investigated the affected population.
- August 31, 2026: Blue Bird submitted a defect report.

Blue Bird is not aware of any warranty cases or field reports related to this defect.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

A Blue Bird dealership, owner, or Ricon field service personnel will install two diodes within the lift electrical system wiring to prevent voltage from a failed contactor maintaining a closed (latched) condition and proper de-energization of the motor contactor when the operator commands the lift to stop.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Vehicles outside of the population have a lift that ceases movement after the operator stops power to the lift.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Ricon has informed Blue Bird that they will add diode assemblies between the control voltage and the contactors.

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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 30, 2026. A remedy will be available at the time of recall release.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Oct 30, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Oct 30, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: