



R26AB

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 26V-246 (School Bus)

NHTSA Number: 26V-245 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: June 10, 2026

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: R26AB: All Weather Wiper Blade Loose Nut

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Blue Bird Body Company has decided a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain:

- Model years 2026-2027 Blue Bird All American School Bus (T3FE)
 - Manufactured from May 9, 2025, through January 8, 2026
- Model years 2026-2027 Blue Bird All American School Bus (T3RE)
 - Manufactured from May 16, 2025, through January 8, 2026
- Model year 2026 All American Non-School Bus Units (T3FE)
 - Manufactured on September 24, 2025
- Model year 2026 All American Non-School Bus Units (T3RE)
 - Manufactured from May 16, 2025, through August 7, 2025

This notice applies to your bus(es) identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet. If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow cover sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

Blue Bird is recalling certain 2026-2027 All American School and Non-School Buses which may experience loose securing nuts on the all-weather wiper blade assemblies. Loss of wiper function may impair the driver's view in certain conditions, increasing the risk of a crash.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, Blue Bird shall conduct a safety recall to repair, per R26AB Recall Instructions. Dealers or owners will inspect the attachment, tighten the fasteners between the blade and mounting arm to the correct specification, if necessary. The remedied vehicle will have the all-weather wiper blade assemblies with properly secured nuts.

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repair related to this recall at no cost to the Dealer or the vehicle owner.

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repair related to this recall at no cost to the Dealer or the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish the repairs in accordance with the R26AB remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

Repair A: R26AB Inspection – 0.5 Hours (30 Minutes)

Repair B: R26AB Repair – 0.5 Hours (30 Minutes)



Administering the Recall and Parts:

Recall R26AB should be repaired, per R26AB Recall Instructions. **You may request parts as needed at campaignparts@blue-bird.com**

If Blue Bird's records indicate bus(es) subject to this recall were delivered in your service area, a list of affected bus(es) will be enclosed. The bus(es) will be identified by Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet. **Dealers should verify correct owners and assure complete mailing and shipping addresses are provided for each listed owner.**

It is the dealer's responsibility to verify the correct owner's name, address, and telephone number is provided for each listed vehicle. Any corrections or updates should be made in ClaimsCenter. Addresses that cannot be updated should be forwarded to campaignparts@blue-bird.com

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Dealers are reminded of their responsibilities under Section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

If you have in your possession or have sold a bus that was purchased from another dealer, that may be affected by this recall, please notify Lisa Hancock at 478-822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com. Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to Lisa Hancock, as well.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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R26AB: All Weather Wiper Blade Loose Nut

Models Affected: Certain model year 2026 - 2027 All American School and Non-School Buses

Issue: Certain 2026 - 2027 All American School and Non-School Buses may experience loose securing nut on the all-weather wiper blade assembly.

Corrective Action: Inspect for loose securing nut by checking that torque on the nut is at 8-10 ft-lbs. (11-13 Nm). If unable to set torque due to damage or missing nut, then replace with listed parts and torque fastener to 8-10 ft-lbs. (11-13 Nm).

WARNING: Always follow all Federal, State, Local and Shop safety standards and use proper safety equipment, and thoroughly read and understand all instructions before performing these procedures.
Park bus on level surface, apply parking brake, turn off ignition key, and chock wheels.

Parts (as required):

Item Number	Part Number	Description	Quantity
1	04298014	BOLT, BLACK, SADDLE, W/S WIPER ARM, DYNA, 7/8 LG	1
2	04298022	NUT, BLACK, W/S WIPER ARM, DYNA, SADDLE BOLT	1

Recommended Tools:

Description	Quantity
Wrench 8mm bolt side	1
Socket 7mm for the nut	1
Torque wrench	1

Inspection/ Repair:

1. Inspect the saddle bolt and nut by checking with fingers to see if the nut rotates.
 - ✓ Does nut rotate?
 - Yes = replace nut and bolt with new hardware and proceed with corrective action.
 - No = continue to step 2.
2. Loosen nut and then set torque to 8-10 ft-lbs. (11-13 Nm)
 - ✓ Are you able to set torque?
 - Yes = Repair is complete no further action required.
 - No = Replace nut and bolt with new hardware and proceed with corrective action.



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Replacement:

1. Remove and install new saddle nut (2) and bolt (3) as required and set torque to 8-10 ft-lbs. (11-13 Nm)

Diagram A

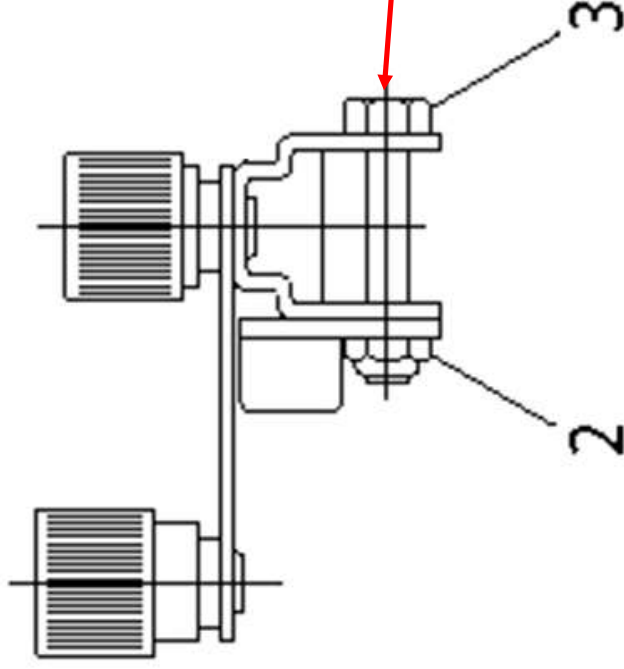


Photo A

