



R26AE

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 26V-466 (School Bus)

NHTSA Number: 26V-467 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: September 17, 2026

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: R26AE: Hydraulic Brake Line Rubbing

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 2022-2027 Blue Bird Vision School Bus (BBCV)
 - Manufactured from March 15, 2021 through July 1, 2026
- Model years 2022-2027 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Bus (BBCV)
 - Manufactured from September 7, 2021 through February 19, 2026

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 2022-2027 Vision School and Non-School Buses which may be equipped with an exhaust hanger cotter pin clip that may contact the hydraulic brake line. If the exhaust hanger's cotter pin clip makes contact with the brake line this may cause damage to the brake line. Rubbing between the exhaust hanger cotter pin clip and hydraulic brake line could result in brake fluid leaking. A brake fluid leak in the presence of an ignition source, such as a hot engine or exhaust components, can increase the risk of a fire. In addition, a brake fluid leak can extend the distance required to stop, which may increase the risk of a crash.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, Blue Bird shall conduct a safety recall to replace the hairpin style cotter pin clip with a standard style cotter pin clip, per R26AE Recall Instructions. Dealers or owners will inspect and replace the exhaust hanger cotter pin clip to determine if contact to the brake line is found. If contact to the brake line is found, the brake line will be replaced.

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 R26AE remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

Repair A: R26AE (Cotter Pin Clip Only) – 0.2 Hours (12 Minutes)

Repair B: R26AE (Cotter Pin Clip & Brake Line) – 1.0 Hour (60 Minutes)



Administering the Recall and Parts:

Recall R26AE should be repaired, per R26AE Recall Instructions. The cotter pin clip may be sourced locally or ordered through campaignparts@blue-bird.com. You may request parts as needed at campaignparts@blue-bird.com. **Parts are currently available.**

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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RECALL

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Models Effected:

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Issue:

- Bus may be equipped with an exhaust hanger using a hairpin style cotter pin clip that may contact the hydraulic brake line. If the exhaust hanger's hairpin style cotter pin clip contacts the brake line this may cause damage to the brake line resulting in a brake fluid leak.

Corrective Action:

- Dealers and Owners will replace the hairpin style cotter pin clip with a standard style cotter pin clip. If contact to the brake line is found and damage is present on the brake line, the brake line will need to be replaced.

Component Code:

- 35-200-184

SRTs:

- R26AE - Repair A (Cotter Pin Clip Only) – 0.2 hours (12 minutes)
- R26AE - Repair B (Cotter Pin Clip & Brake Line) – 1.0 hour (60 minutes)

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, disconnect 12v battery and chock wheels.



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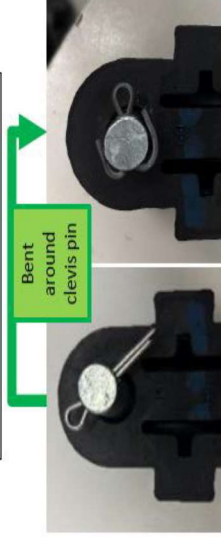
Parts: The cotter pin clip may be sourced locally or ordered through campaignparts@blue-bird.com

Part Number	Description	Quantity
10090618 (may procure same style cotter pin clip locally)	COTTER PIN, STANDARD, 1/8 x 1" 18-8 Stainless Steel	1
10067932	TUBE ASSY,STEEL,HYD BRAKE,RH FRT BBCV	As Needed

Instructions:

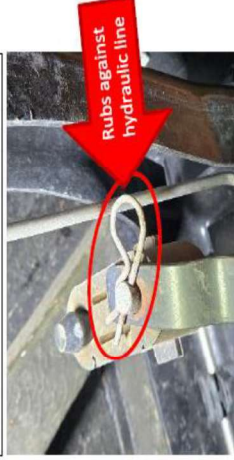
GOOD

A clevis pin (0.125 in OD, 1 in L) is used and bent into shape.



BAD

A quarter pin is used.



NOTE - Change only applies to one location shown below.

