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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 26V-519 (School Bus)

NHTSA Number: 26V-520 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: October 8, 2026

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: R26AG: 12V Power Supply Wire Short-to-Ground

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 2021-2027 Blue Bird Vision School Bus (BBCV)
 - Manufactured from October 28, 2021 through July 23, 2026
- Model years 2023-2027 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Bus (BBCV)
 - Manufactured from November 12, 2021 through May 27, 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 model year 2021-2027 Blue Bird Vision vehicles which may be equipped with an unfused 12V power wire on the C or D-Zone harness which could be damaged from abrasion, further resulting in a potential disruption of critical safety functions on fused circuits. 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. 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 includes: 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.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, Blue Bird shall conduct a safety recall to inspect and repair, per R26AG Recall Instructions. 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.

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. Should the harness be replaced, then edge trim will be applied to known edges which are causing the harness damage. Repairs will be made, as outlined in the R26AG Recall Instructions.

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repair(s) 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 R26AG remedy procedure is outlined below.

R26AG Repair: 0.40 hours (24 minutes)



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Administering the Recall and Parts:

Recall R26AG should be repaired, per R26AG Recall Instructions. **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

Corporate Recall Administrator

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Issue:

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Component Code: 80-100-109

SRTs: 0.4 hours (24 minutes)

Parts: Ordered through campaignparts@blue-bird.com.

Part Number	Description	Quantity
10090264	In-Line Fuse Holder Assembly (C-Zone)	1
10090263	In-Line Fuse Holder Assembly (D-Zone)	1



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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.

Before beginning the rework procedure, ensure the vehicle is powered down and all electrical power sources are isolated.

- Turn **OFF** the battery disconnect switch or remove the **positive battery cable** from the battery terminal. Secure the cable to prevent accidental contact.
- Inside the bus, remove the **plastic doghouse cover** to access the **A MUX module** and wiring harness (Figure 1).
- Locate the **12V Positive Pass-Through Stud** positioned above the PCB.
- Remove the **3/8" hex nut** from the positive pass-through stud. Refer to the **Procedure** section below for the detailed removal and installation steps.
- After completing the rework (pg. 3), install the **new ring terminal** onto the pass-through stud.
- Tighten the **3/8" hex nut to 11–15 ft-lb (15–20 Nm)**.
- Verify that the ring terminal is fully seated, the connection is secure, and the wiring is routed without strain or interference before reassembling the vehicle.

Note: If the harness needs replacement, then apply edge trim to the known edges causing harness damage.



Figure 1



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C-Zone 12v Power Supply

1. Locate the **C-ZONE MUX PWR** wire on the harness.
2. Cut off the existing ring terminal.
3. Strip approximately **0.50 in. (13 mm)** of insulation from the wire.
4. Insert the stripped conductor into the butt splice of In Line Fuse Holder Assembly P/N [10090264](#).
5. Crimp the butt splice using the approved crimping tool.
6. Verify the crimp by performing a pull test.
7. Confirm the **60 A fuse** is installed.
8. Verify continuity and inspect the completed rework.

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D-Zone 12v Power Supply

1. Locate the **D-ZONE MUX PWR** wire on the harness.
2. Cut off the existing ring terminal.
3. Strip approximately **0.50 in. (13 mm)** of insulation from the wire.
4. Insert the stripped conductor into the butt splice of In Line Fuse Holder Assembly P/N [10090263](#).
5. Crimp the butt splice using the approved crimping tool.
6. Verify the crimp by performing a pull test.
7. Confirm the **5 A fuse** is installed.
8. Verify continuity and inspect the completed rework.

Note: If the harness needs replacement, then apply edge trim to the known edges causing harness damage.