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## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Recall Number: 26V-032 School Bus  
NHTSA Recall Number: 26V-033 Non-School Bus

**DATE:** March 19, 2026

**SUBJECT:** R26AA: Improper Window Markings on Lippert Windows

**Dear Blue Bird Owner:**

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

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that

- Certain model year 2026-2027 Blue Bird Vision School Buses (BBCV)
  - manufactured from May 6, 2025 through December 10, 2025
- Certain model year 2026-2027 Blue Bird All American School Buses (T3FE)
  - Manufactured from June 3, 2025 through November 6, 2025
- Certain model year 2026-2027 Blue Bird All American School Buses (T3RE)
  - Manufactured from May 13, 2025 through November 6, 2025
- Certain model year 2026 Blue Bird All American Non-School Buses (T3FE)
  - Manufactured on September 24, 2025

vehicles fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard **FMVSS 205, Glazing Materials**.

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.

It has been determined certain Blue Bird Vision and All American School and Non-School Buses with Lippert windows may not have a DOT marking on the window. The DOT marking on the window may be partially illegible or not legible at all. This is a FMVSS 205, Glazing Materials Non-compliance. Under certain conditions if the designator is illegible, safety personnel may not know the type of glass leading to an increased risk of personal injury, reduced visibility, and increase the risk of a crash.

Blue Bird shall conduct a safety recall to correct this noncompliance.

**Corrective Action:**

To correct this condition, Blue Bird will notify the affected dealers and owners and will provide repair instructions. Recall R26AA should be repaired, per R26AA Recall Repair Instructions. **Parts are currently available.**

**Labor Reimbursement:**

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the Inspection and 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 R26AA remedy procedure(s) is outlined below. The remedy is comprised of Repair A (Inspection) or Repair A (Inspection) and Repair B through H (Repair) based on the number of windows requiring repair. You will select a combination of windows that adds up to the total number of windows that were repaired.



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**Labor Reimbursement:** *(continued)*

Repair A: R26AA Inspection - 0.2 Hours (12 minutes)  
Repair B: R26AA Repair (1 Window) - 0.2 Hours (12 minutes)  
Repair C: R26AA Repair (2 Windows) - 0.4 Hours (24 minutes)  
Repair D: R26AA Repair (3 Windows) - 0.6 Hours (36 minutes)  
Repair E: R26AA Repair (4 Windows) - 0.8 Hours (48 minutes)  
Repair F: R26AA Repair (5 Windows) - 1.0 Hours (60 minutes)  
Repair G: R26AA Repair (6 Windows) - 1.2 Hours (72 minutes)  
Repair H: R26AA Repair (7 Windows) - 1.4 Hours (84 minutes)

**Recall Parts:**

Recall R26AA should be repaired, per R26AA Recall Instructions. You may request parts at [customerservice@lci1.com](mailto:customerservice@lci1.com)  
Parts are currently available.

**Technical Support:**

Recall R26AA technical support should be directed to Lippert at [customerservice@lci1.com](mailto:customerservice@lci1.com)

**Blue Bird recommends you contact your local or nearest Blue Bird Dealer to arrange for this recall to be performed.**

To locate an authorized dealer, search online at [www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer](http://www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer) The Dealer can perform the repairs, or arrange for repairs to be performed by a service repair facility authorized by the Dealer. However, you may elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall. If you elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall, complete and submit the Pink Owner's Recall Reply Sheet provided. The Recall Reply Sheet includes a section for the owner to request reimbursement of the owner's labor or to request reimbursement for a labor invoice paid by the owner to an independent repair facility.

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

If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the Recall Pink Reply Sheet and attach a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the pink self-addressed postage prepaid envelope included with the pink reply sheet to Blue Bird for warranty consideration. Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Transportation Safety Act, Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 573 and 577.

**Please contact your local Blue Bird Dealer with any questions regarding this recall campaign.**

If Blue Bird Body Company should fail to or is unable to remedy this condition without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

Or, you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:  
1-888-327-4236 TTY 1-888-275-9171 or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>

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	Transport Canada: 2026-021 (SB); Blue Bird Recall Numbers: R26AA (US) R26AA-C (Canada)		
<b>Product:</b>	Window Glass		
<b>Date:</b>	March 9, 2026	<b>Labor Rate:</b>	0.2 hr Inspection (Bus)/0.2 hr Procedure (Window)

## Purpose

This document refers to the procedure for adding etched identification to a glass window.

## Safety

This document provides general instructions. Many variables can change the circumstances of any procedure, i.e. the degree of difficulty involved in the service operation and the ability level of the individual performing the operation. This document cannot begin to plot out procedures for every possibility, but will provide the general instructions for effectively installing, removing or servicing the system. In the event the skill level required is too advanced or the procedure too difficult, a certified technician should be consulted before performing the necessary operation. Failure to correctly install, remove or service the system may result in voiding the warranty, inflicting injury or even death.



The "CAUTION" symbol above is a sign that a safety risk is involved and may cause personal injury and/or product or property damage if not safely adhered to and within the parameters set forth in this manual.



Etching compound is highly corrosive. Nitrile gloves must be worn during this procedure.



Etching compound is for use on glass only. Follow all safety notices on the etching compound container.



Do NOT rinse the compound, brush or cloth down the drain as the compound can damage pipes.

## Required Resources

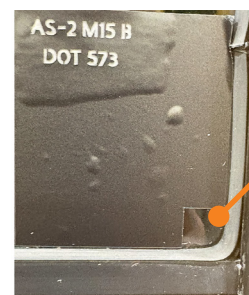
- Dealer/Customer Supplied
  - Safety glasses
  - Glass cleaner
  - Plastic razor blades
- Etching Kits - PN 2026060327
  - Nitrile gloves
  - DOT stencil for the glass
  - Etching compound



Qty. 1 - Driver's Window Stencil



Qty. 10 - Sash Window Stencils



Window Stencil Index Point

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## Inspection

1. Visually inspect the upper and lower glass of each bus window. Look for the DOT logo.
  - a. Sash Window - Correct (Fig. 1)
  - b. Sash Window - Incorrect (Fig. 2)
2. Note each window where the DOT logo is not compliant (Fig. 2).
  - a. Driver's Window - Correct (Fig. 3)
  - b. Driver's Window - Incorrect (Fig. 4)

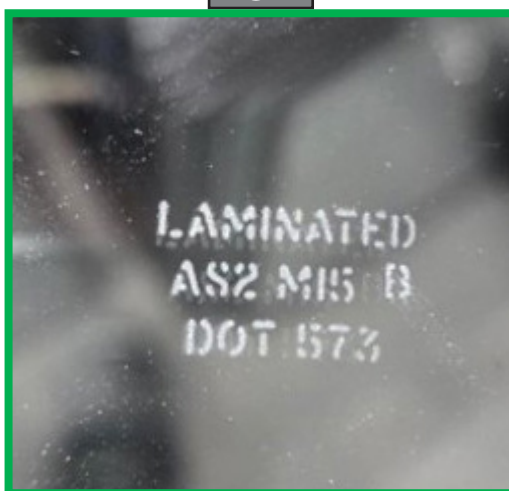
**Fig. 1**



**Fig. 2**



**Fig. 3**



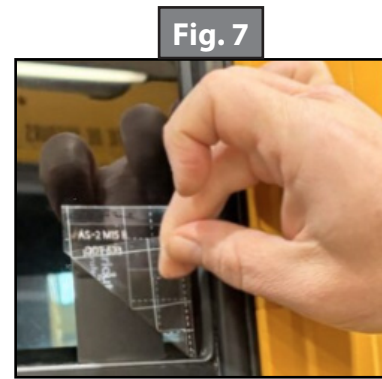
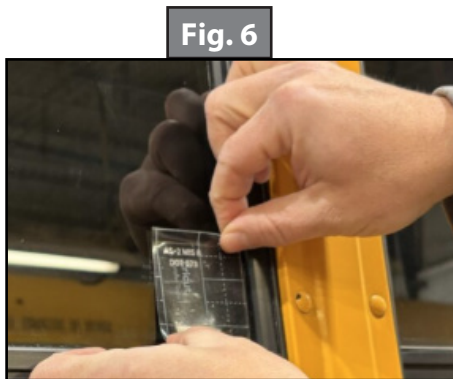
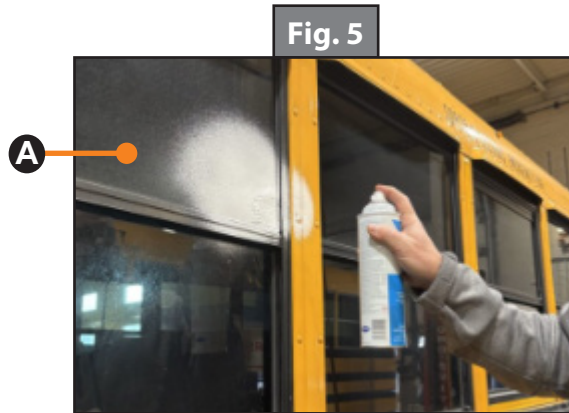
**Fig. 4**



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## Preparation

1. Clean the glass (Fig. 5A) using glass cleaner to ensure good adhesion of the template.



2. Apply stencil (Fig. 6) directly above the DOT marking on the glass.
3. Remove the backing of the stencil and affix to the window using the bottom corner and right side of the frame as reference points (Fig. 6).

**NOTE:** Be sure to rub the template sticker several times to ensure it is well adhered evenly on the glass.

4. Once the sticker is well adhered to the glass, remove the transfer tape to expose the template (Fig. 7).

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## Instructions

1. Liberally apply the etching compound to the lettering portion by squeezing the bottle and tapping the lettered area of the stencil (Fig. 8).
2. Let the compound stand for 1 minute and reapply.
3. Let the reapplied etching compound stand for 5 minutes. Remove the excess compound with lukewarm water and a clean soft cloth.

**NOTE:** Dispose of the compound by neutralizing it with baking soda until bubbling ceases. This turns the mixture into a safer, inert compound. The compound can also be made into a solid by mixing with cat litter, sand, or plaster of Paris. Either mixture can be put in the regular trash.

### ⚠ CAUTION

**Do NOT rinse the compound, brush or cloth down the drain as the compound can damage pipes.**

Fig. 8

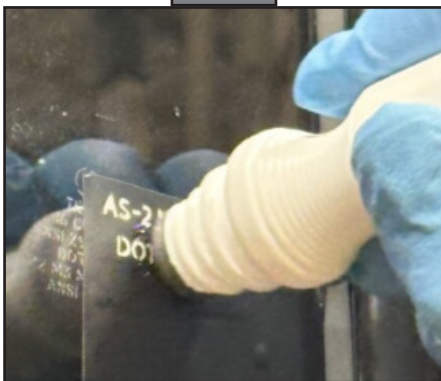


Fig. 9



4. Remove the stencil (Fig. 9).

**NOTE:** If necessary, use the included plastic razor blade to remove the stencil (Fig. 9A).

5. Clean newly etched glass with glass cleaner to remove any residual etching compound.