



R26AB

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 26V-246 (School Bus)

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

DATE: June 10, 2026

SUBJECT: R26AB: All Weather Wiper Blade Loose Nut

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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

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. The Dealer can perform the repairs, or arrange for repairs to be performed by a service repair facility authorized by the Dealer. **Parts can be ordered through 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.

If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, 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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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

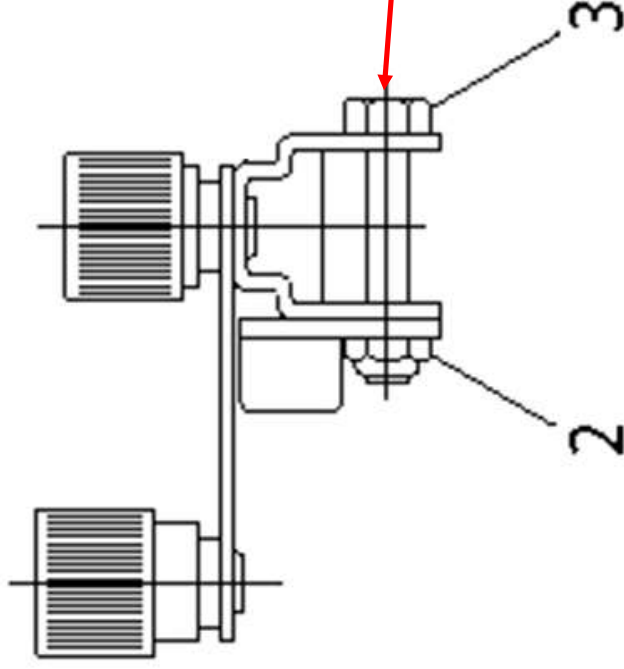


Photo A

