R26AE

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 26V-466 (School Bus)
NHTSA Number: 26V-467 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: **September 17, 2026**

SUBJECT: **R26AE: Hydraulic Brake Line Rubbing**

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 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.**

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, complete and sign the pink Recall 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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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:

