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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 26V-519 (School Bus)
NHTSA Number: 26V-520 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: **October 8, 2026**

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

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 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)

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.

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:

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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.

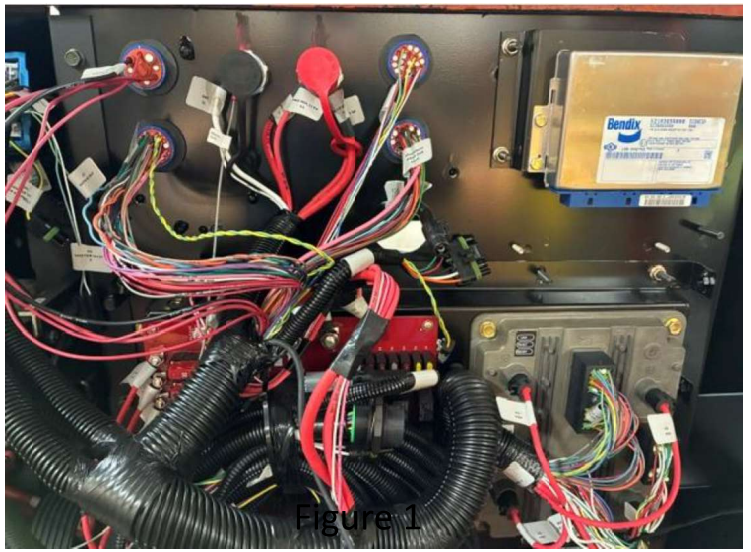


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C-Zone 12v Power Supply

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.