



R26DT

FINAL NOTICE

DATE: July 22, 2026
TO: Blue Bird Owners
Subject: R26DT: Q'Straint Wheel Chair Restraint System Issue

According to our records, we have not received confirmation the above referenced recall, dated January 29, 2026, has been completed. A copy of Recall R26DT is attached. Your buses affected by Recall R26DT are identified by Blue Bird body number and VIN under Section 2 on the enclosed cover sheet.

If this is the first time you received notification of Recall R26DT, please read the enclosed notification carefully. Recall R26DT must be completed, as soon as possible.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, the Q'Straint Retractor will need to be inspected and any retractors bearing the suspect Part Number, Lot Number, and Lot Identification be removed. Repair per R26DT Instructions.

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the Repair related to this recall at no cost to the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish the repairs in accordance with the R26DT remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

Repair A: R26DT Inspection	0.4 Hours (24 Minutes)
Repair B: R26DT Replace 1 Belt	0.1 Hours (6 Minutes)
Repair C: R26DT Replace 2 Belts	0.2 Hours (12 Minutes)
Repair D: R26DT Replace 3 Belts	0.3 Hours (18 Minutes)
Repair E: R26DT Replace 4 Belts	0.4 Hours (24 Minutes)

Administering the Recall and Parts:

Recall R26DT should be repaired, per R26DT Recall Instructions. Parts are currently available. **Please contact Q'Straint Customer Service (800) 987-9987 for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) Number for replacement.**

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. Recall R26DT should be repaired, per R26DT Recall Instructions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Number: 25V-851 (School Bus)

NHTSA Number: 26V-004 (Non-School Bus)

DATE: January 29, 2026

SUBJECT: R26DT: Q'Straint Wheel Chair Restraint System Issue

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 year 2026-2027 Blue Bird Vision School Bus Units (BBCV):
 - Manufactured from May 19, 2025 through November 17, 2025
- Model year 2026-2027 Blue Bird All American School Bus Units (T3FE/T3RE):
 - Manufactured from May 28, 2025 through November 13, 2025
- Model year 2026 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Bus Units (BBCV):
 - Manufactured from July 26, 2025 through August 7, 2025
- Model Year 2026 Blue Bird All American Non-School Bus Units (T3FE):
 - Manufactured from August 11, 2025 through August 28, 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 Vision and All American School and Non-School Buses equipped with QRT-Deluxe and QRT-Max wheelchair restraints. The retractors may not lock, preventing the wheelchair from being properly secured. The Q'Straint Retractor provided in certain Blue Bird School and Non-School Buses may not lock. An unlocked Q'Straint Retractor will not properly secure a wheelchair and may place the passenger at a risk of serious injury or death during normal vehicle travel, emergency maneuvers, or a crash. Q'Straint has informed Blue Bird the sticking of the auto release function is due to friction between internal components. An unlocked retractor is detectable, when performing a standard functional inspection, pre-trip inspection, or observed abnormal wheelchair movement, per the Q'Straint User and Care Manual.

Blue Bird shall conduct a safety recall to inspect and remove any retractors bearing the Suspect Part Number, Lot Number, and Lot Identification. The Suspect Part Number, Lot Number, and Lot Identification is provided in the R26DT Recall Instructions. Suspect products will be replaced by Q'Straint at no expense. The remedy components will be of a different Lot Number and Lot Identification and will not exhibit the defect. The remedy will modify existing hardware and software to enhance operator detectability.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, the Q'Straint Retractor will need to be inspected and any retractors bearing the suspect Part Number, Lot Number, and Lot Identification be removed. Repair per R26DT Instructions. Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repair related to this recall at no cost to the vehicle owner.

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

3920 Arkwright Road, Suite 200, Macon, GA 31210 – (478) 825-2021



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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 1-800-275-9171 or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>



FIELD SERVICE BULLETIN

NHTSA, CAMPAIGN NUMBER 25E063

Service Type: Product Removal and Replacement

Functional: Safety Related Defect

MODEL(S) QRT-MAX	DESCRIPTION Wheelchair Securement Retractor	PART NUMBER (S) Q8-6209	LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S) LOT# 58957, LOT ID 0325	DATE 10/16/25	REV B
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OVERVIEW

Condition: Retractor may stay unlocked. An unlocked retractor will not properly secure a wheelchair and may place the passenger at a risk of serious injury or death during emergency maneuvers, or a crash.

Correction: Verify Part Number Q8-6209, Lot Number 58957, Lot Identification 0325. Remove and Replace.

Please Report Inspection Results to Q'Straint Customer Service at (800)-987-9987

QRT-MAX, Q8-6209 IDENTIFICATION



QRT MAX
NO KNOBS



PART NUMBER
Q8-6209



LOT NUMBER
58957



LOT IDENTIFICATION
0325

ONLY PROCEED IF THE RETRACTOR MATCHES THE PHOTOS ABOVE

STEP	PROCEDURE	ILLUSTRATION / INSTRUCTIONS
1	Verify Retractor Identification per illustration above	Part Number: Q8-6209 Lot Number: 58957 Lot Identification: 0325
2	While awaiting a Replacement Retractor - You may continue using the retractor given you perform a pre-trip inspection and assure the retractor is fully locked. - This can be accomplished by confirming the locking mechanism is engaged and that the webbing and hook do NOT extract out of the retractor. - Once all four (4) wheelchair tiedown retractors are secured to the floor anchorage and wheelchair frame, you can rock the wheelchair back and forth to assure proper locking and tensioning of the retractors.	
3	Remove from Service. Do Not Use! Cut the webbing near label location. Discard retractor. Return hook and label section to Q'Straint.	
4	Retractor Replacement Contact Q'Straint Customer Service (800)-987-9987 for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number for Replacement.	Provide the Following Information ✓ Property Name ✓ Confirm Part Number (Q8-6209), Lot Number (58957), and Lot Identification (0325) ✓ Fitting Type: PLI (-L) or Slide N Click (-SC) ✓ Total Quantity of units



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MODEL(S)	DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER (S)	LOT/SERIAL NUMBER(S)	DATE	REV
QRT-DLX	Wheelchair Securement Retractor	Q8-6200	LOT# 58350, LOT ID 0225	10/16/25	B

OVERVIEW

Condition: Retractor may stay unlocked. An unlocked retractor will not properly secure a wheelchair and may place the passenger at a risk of serious injury or death during emergency maneuvers, or a crash.

Correction: Verify Part Number Q8-6200, Lot Number 58350, Lot Identification 0225. Remove and Replace.

Please Report Inspection Results to Q'Straint Customer Service at (800)-987-9987

QRT-DELUXE, Q8-6200 IDENTIFICATION



QRT DELUXE
TWO (2) KNOBS



PART NUMBER
Q8-6200



LOT NUMBER
58350



LOT IDENTIFICATION
0225

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STEP	PROCEDURE	ILLUSTRATION / INSTRUCTIONS
1	Verify Retractor Identification per illustration above	Part Number: Q8-6200 Lot Number: 58350 Lot Identification: 0225
2	While awaiting a Replacement Retractor - You may continue using the retractor given you perform a pre-trip inspection and assure the retractor is fully locked. - This can be accomplished by confirming the locking mechanism is engaged and that the webbing and hook do NOT extract out of the retractor. - Once all four (4) wheelchair tiedown retractors are secured to the floor anchorage and wheelchair frame, you can rock the wheelchair back and forth to assure proper locking and tensioning of the retractors.	
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