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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

NHTSA Recall Number: 19V-082 School Bus NHTSA Recall Number: 19V-081 Non-School Bus

DATE: March 5, 2019

TO: U.S. DEALERS

SUBJECT: R19ZP, Ricon S Series Titanium 1,000 lb Lift

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

This important safety recall notice applies to your buses identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the attached yellow sheet.

Blue Bird Body Company is recalling certain model year 2015-2019 Vision School Buses manufactured from April 29, 2014 through June 14, 2018 and certain 2019 Vision Non-School Buses manufactured on December 20, 2017. Additionally, Blue Bird Body Company is recalling certain model year 2015-2019 All American School Buses manufactured from July 8, 2014 through June 29, 2018.

On the subject buses, Ricon has determined that there is a non-compliance with FMVSS 403, Platform Lift Systems, related to the Ricon S-Series Titanium wheelchair 1,000 lb lifts, Part Numbers R1S5510FF112060 and R1S5510FF112070. On these particular Ricon wheelchair lifts, if the position input cam fails and the lift operator continues to press the "up" button on the operating pendant while the lift is occupied, the cutoff switch is disabled and the platform can travel past the vehicle floor height, potentially causing the occupant to tip inwards, toward the vehicle. If the lift tips inwards, the risk of injury would be increased.

To correct this condition, Ricon will provide materials and labor through Ricon authorized dealers. You may make arrangements for the service at the nearest Ricon servicing dealer by any of the following methods:

- 1. Using the locator on the Ricon website www.riconcorp.com
- 2. Calling Ricon Customer Service at (800)322-2884
- 3. Emailing Ricon's Recall Coordinator, at Admin18E044@wabtec.com
- 4. Gerald Quimpe, Customer Service 818-267-3033 <a href="mailto:gquimpe@wabtec.com">gquimpe@wabtec.com</a>

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to the Ricon contact listed above. If Ricon does not provide the necessary repair services, you may contact Blue Bird Body Company Recall Administration at <a href="mailto:campaignparts@blue-bird.com">campaignparts@blue-bird.com</a>.

Ricon will notify Blue Bird Campaigns Administration of the completion of the recall.



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It is the Dealer's responsibility to verify that the correct owner name, address, and telephone number is provided for each listed vehicle. Any corrections or updates should be made in ClaimsCenter. Addresses that cannot be updated should be forwarded to the Recall Administrator.

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

Dealers are reminded of their responsibilities under Section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1991. Dealers are required to complete modifications on units in their inventory before delivering to the final owner. Reference Blue Bird Body Company Distributor Memo No. 42-92.

If you have in your possession or have sold a bus that was purchased from another Dealer that may be affected by this recall, please notify me at 478-822-2242 or <a href="mailto:lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com">lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com</a>.

Sincerely,

## Lisa Hancock

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