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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

(Interim Notice)

**NHTSA Recall Number: 19V-795 School Bus
NHTSA Recall Number: 19V-796 Non-School Bus**

DATE: December 10, 2019

SUBJECT: RECALL R19AI – Service Brake Switch Bracket Deformation on Driver Control Module

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This important safety recall 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 coversheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

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

Blue Bird Body Company is voluntarily recalling certain model year 2013 to 2020 Blue Bird Vision School Buses equipped with Ford engines manufactured from January 10, 2012 through August 7, 2019 and certain model year 2013 to 2020 Blue Bird Vision Non-school Buses manufactured from November 20, 2012 through March 28, 2019. On the subject buses, the potential exists that the brake switch mounting bracket could deform, as a result of a rapid return of the brake pedal to the non-braking position. This is most commonly a result of the driver's foot slipping off of the brake pedal while the pedal is fully depressed. A deformed brake switch mounting bracket could result in continuously illuminated brake lights and a brake warning light in the vehicle instrument cluster. There is no direct safety consequence because the brake system continues to function normally. However, local operating procedures may require the bus to stop immediately due to the illuminated brake warning light in the vehicle's instrument cluster. The transfer of passengers to another bus in potentially hazardous conditions could increase the risk of injury.

To correct this potential issue, Blue Bird will provide the owners with instructions on how to remove the existing brake switch mounting bracket and install the provided redesigned mounting bracket. Blue Bird will also provide a new brake switch as part of the kit to ensure that the switch has the correct set point after the new brake switch mounting bracket is installed. **Parts for this recall are anticipated to be available in March, 2020. Campaigns Administration will notify you again, when the parts are available. When requesting parts, please specify air or hydraulic.**

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repairs related to this recall at no cost to the vehicle owner. The standard repair time (SRT) to accomplish these repairs in accordance with the recall installation procedure is 0.6 hours per bus.

Parts to complete Recall R19AI can be obtained from Blue Bird Recall Administration via e-mail at campaignparts@blue-bird.com or by returning the yellow cover sheet to Blue Bird in the pink self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope to receive parts at no charge. You should retain a copy of the reply sheet for your records.

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

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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 1-800-424-9153 or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>