

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 21V-070

**Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company

**Submission Date :** FEB 12, 2021

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-070

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R21BB-SB



### Manufacturer Information :

### Population :

**Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company

**Number of potentially involved :** 619

**Address :** P.O. Box 937  
402 Blue Bird Boulevard Fort Valley  
GA 31030

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 70 %

**Company phone :** 478-822-2242

### Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2020-2022 Blue Bird Vision

**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

**Body Style :** OTHER

**Power Train :** CNG/LPG

**Descriptive Information :** It has been determined that certain Blue Bird buses may fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210 "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages" requirements for seats with integrated 3-point seat belts with floor tracks due to the omission of attachment hardware in certain areas. Blue Bird will conduct a recall to correct this noncompliance. The seat installation on subject buses must be inspected and corrected according to the Blue Bird recall instructions, if found to be installed incorrectly. Blue Bird evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this noncompliance and determined that, in the event of an accident, there is a potential for injury to the occupant if these 3-point seat belt seats are installed incorrectly.

**Production Dates :** JAN 15, 2019 - JAN 14, 2021

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2020-2022 Blue Bird All American  
Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES  
Body Style : OTHER  
Power Train : DIESEL

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**Production Dates :** FEB 28, 2019 - DEC 18, 2020

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

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**FMVSS 1 :** 210 - Seat belt assembly anchorages

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Blue Bird evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this noncompliance and determined that, in the event of an accident, there is a potential for injury to the occupant if these 3-point seat belt seats are installed incorrectly.

**Description of the Cause :** It has been determined that certain Blue Bird buses may fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210 "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages" requirements for seats with integrated 3-point seat belts with floor tracks due to the omission of attachment hardware in certain areas. Blue Bird will conduct a recall to correct this noncompliance. The seat installation on subject buses must be inspected and corrected according to the Blue Bird recall instructions, if found to be installed incorrectly. Blue Bird evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this noncompliance and determined that, in the event of an accident, there is a potential for injury to the occupant if these 3-point seat belt seats are installed incorrectly.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : There is no audible or visual warning, which would precede an event.

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : To Be Determined (TBD)

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

## Chronology :

On December 16, 2020, Blue Bird warranty received a claim related to an improper installed seat track. Blue Bird warranty notified the Blue Bird Quality Department on January 5, 2021. An internal audit discovered that certain school bus seats with integrated 3-point seat belts were installed incorrectly. Blue Bird initiated a stop delivery to inspect a total of 6 buses still on property with these seats. During the inspection, Blue Bird determined that 6 of the 6 were found to have the attachment hardware omitted which were required. These buses were corrected prior to delivery. Blue Bird has determined that a total of 619 buses have been sold in North America (United States) with these same seats. Blue Bird decided to issue a recall on February 11, 2020, to inspect all buses delivered prior to February 9, 2020, to ensure the proper seat installation on the units.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Visual inspection will be required to ensure that the proper seat hardware is installed. If any components are missing, the necessary seat hardware will be installed according to the Blue Bird recall instructions.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : A remedied seat track installation will have the proper track attachment hardware, per the Blue Bird instructions.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :**

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**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer and Owner Letters to release on or before April 9, 2021.

Campaign Name:

R21BB – FMVSS 210 Noncompliance – Installation of Seats with 3-Point Belts with Floor Tracks

Parts Availability: Undetermined at this time.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 09, 2021 - APR 09, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 09, 2021 - APR 09, 2021

\* NR - Not Reported