



R21BB

SECOND FINAL NOTICE

DATE: February 8, 2022
TO: Blue Bird Owners
Subject: R21BB - FMVSS 210 Noncompliance: Installation of Seats with 3-Point Belts with Floor Tracks

According to our records, Campaigns Administration has not received confirmation that the above referenced recall, dated April 9, 2021, has been completed. A copy of Recall R21BB is attached. Your buses affected by Recall R21BB 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 R21BB, please read the enclosed notification carefully. Recall R21BB must be completed, as soon as possible. To correct this noncompliance, Blue Bird will notify the affected owners and will provide inspection instructions and repair instructions. Visual inspection will be required to ensure that the proper seat hardware is installed. If any components are missing, the necessary seat hardware will need to be installed according to the Blue Bird recall instructions. You may request parts at campaignparts@blue-bird.com

Labor Reimbursement:

Repair Options and allowable labor times for this campaign are one of the outlined as follows:

- **Repair A (1-4 Fasteners)**
 - 0.4 hours (24 minutes)
- **Repair B (5-8 Fasteners)**
 - 0.8 hours (48 minutes)
- **Repair C (9-12 Fasteners)**
 - 1.2 hours (72 minutes)
- **Repair D (13-16 Fasteners)**
 - 1.6 hours (96 minutes)

If you have already had R21BB performed on your affected buses, please complete and mail the enclosed recall yellow coversheet to us in the enclosed postage paid pink reply envelope so we may update our recall records. Be sure the reply sheet is filled out properly.

Please contact your local Blue Bird Dealer with any questions regarding this recall campaign.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE
NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-070 (School Bus)

DATE: April 9, 2021

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

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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 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 Body Company is voluntarily recalling the following:

- Certain model year 2019 to 2022 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
 - manufactured from January 15, 2019 through January 26, 2021
- Certain model year 2020 to 2022 All American School Buses
 - manufactured from February 8, 2019 through December 18, 2020

On the subject buses, it has been determined that certain Blue Bird buses could fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 210, Seat Belt Anchorages.

Blue Bird shall conduct a voluntary safety 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 an increased risk of injury in a crash to the occupant if these 3-point seat belt seats are installed incorrectly.

Corrective Action:

To correct this noncompliance, Blue Bird will notify the affected owners and will provide inspection instructions and repair instructions. Visual inspection will be required to ensure that the proper seat hardware is installed. If any components are missing, the necessary seat hardware will need to be installed according to the Blue Bird recall instructions. You may request parts at campaignparts@blue-bird.com **Parts will be available April 16, 2021.**

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of potential repairs relating to this recall at no cost to you the vehicle owner.

Repair Options and allowable labor times for this campaign are one of the outlined as follows:

- **Repair A (1-4 Fasteners)**
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- **Repair B (5-8 Fasteners)**
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Administering the Recall:

Blue Bird recommends that you contact your local or nearest Blue Bird Dealer to arrange for this recall to be performed. The Dealer can perform the repairs, or arrange for repairs to be performed by a service repair facility authorized by the Dealer. However, you may elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall. If you elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall, complete and submit the Pink Owner's Recall Reply Sheet provided. The Recall Reply Sheet includes a section for the owner to request reimbursement of the owner's labor or to request reimbursement for a labor invoice paid by the owner to an independent repair facility.

Parts to complete Recall R21BB will be available April 16, 2021.

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



RECALL

R21BB – Installation of Floor Tracks with 3-Point Seats

Models Affected: Certain 2019 – 2022 model year busses with 39” or 45”, 3-point seats installed on longitudinal floor track

Issue: On some affected buses, fasteners used to secure the floor track may be missing reinforcement plates, resulting in a non-compliance with FMVSS 210, Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages

Corrective Action: Inspect each floor track joint for correct fastener installation, install new fastener(s) if necessary.

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, and chock wheels.

NOTE: This procedure outlines the process for one section of floor track. This process must be followed for every section or joint of floor track installed in the bus.

Inspection Instructions:

Locate the beginning and ending point of the floor track. Located within 1” of the ends of the floor track (item 1) will be capscrews (item 3). From the underside of the unit, inspect for installation of reinforcement plate (item 5), reference illustration 1.

NOTE: Capscrews, nuts and plates are installed within 1” from each end of the track or at a track joint. Magnabulb rivets (item 2) are installed on 2” centers in all other positions

- If fasteners are installed per illustration, no further work is required. Place bus back into service.
- If fasteners are not installed per illustration, proceed to repair instructions.

Repair Instructions:

1. At each end of the floor track (item 1), locate and remove the existing allen head screw (item 3) and nut (item 4). These may be discarded
2. Install new allen screw (item 3), plate (item 5), and nut (item 4) per illustration 1 and torqued to 8-10 FT – LBS

NOTE: When capscrew location falls out on top of an auxiliary crossmember use 4” capscrew 01666106

Items Needed:

Item	Part Number	Name	Quantity Required
1	10039024	Track, Aluminum	Reference only
2	00106565	Fastener, Huck, .31 Blind, Magnabulb	Reference only
3	01467323	Screw, Allen Head, 1/4-20 x 1.5, Countersunk, Flathead	As Needed
	01666106	Capscrew, Flathead, 1/4-20 x 4 (required thru Aux Crossmember)	
4	00659979	Nut, Hex, Flange, Ser, 1/4-20, Black Zinc	As Needed
5	01726389	Plate, Underfloor	As Needed

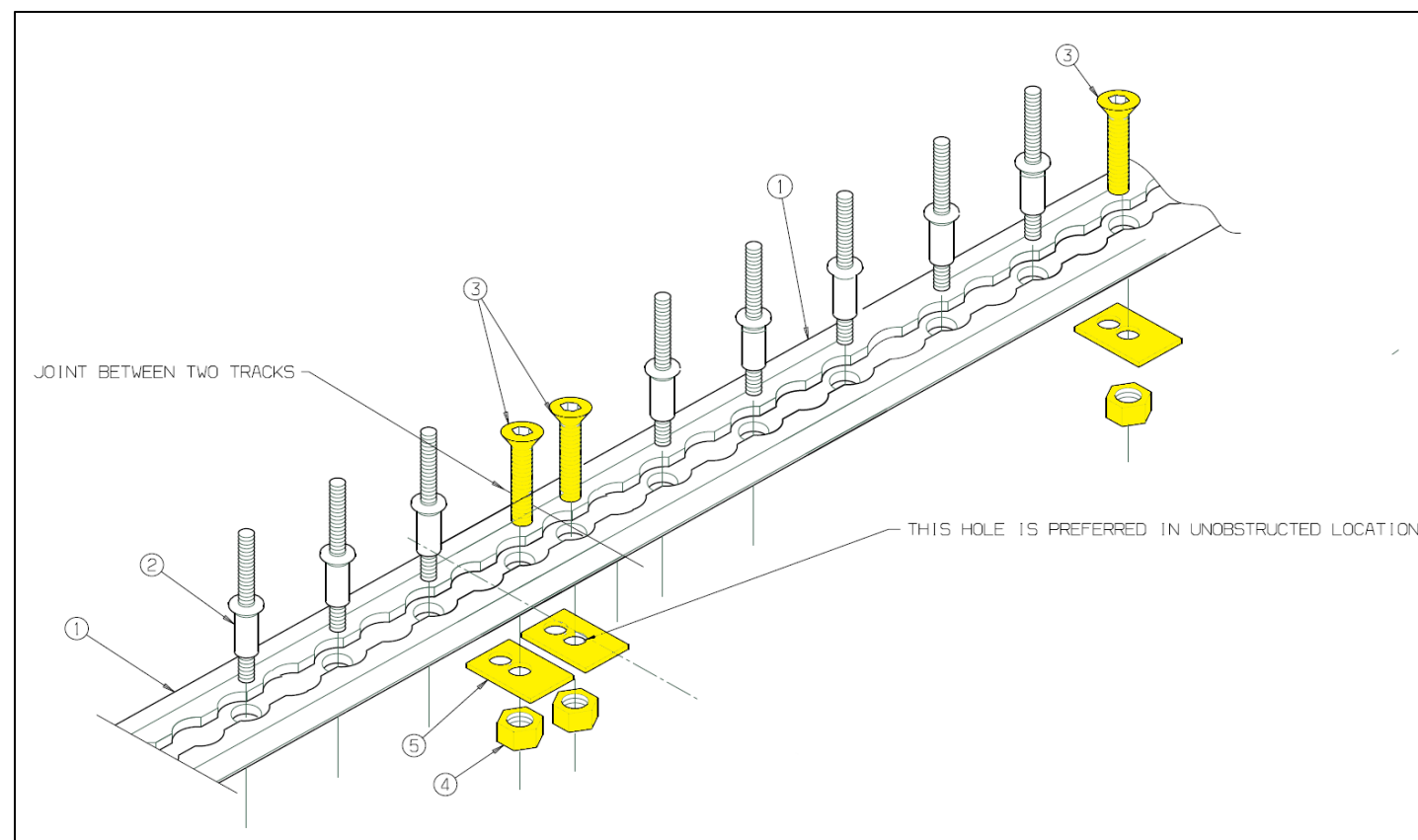


Illustration 1