

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE (Interim Notice) NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-696 (School Bus)

DATE: November 3, 2021

SUBJECT: R21BL - FMVSS 111 Noncompliance, Cross-View Mirror Visibility

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 2022 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
 - o manufactured from March 16, 2021 through August 20, 2021

On the subject buses, it has been determined that certain Blue Bird buses equipped with cross-view mirrors and a Mobileye collision mitigation system may fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 111, "Rearview Mirrors" requirement for mirror visibility.

Blue Bird shall conduct a voluntary safety recall to correct this noncompliance. **Blue Bird is currently developing the remedy for this issue.** A new Mobileye camera placement is currently under development and will require hardware and software changes. This new placement will move the camera to a location that will not block the driver's view of the cross-view mirror, per the FMVSS 111 Test Specifications. An obstructed view of the passenger side cross-view mirror increases the risk of injury for pedestrians. An additional notice with instructions will be issued to inform you when the final remedy is available. All affected units will need to be reworked to include the new camera placement.

Corrective Action:

Once a remedy is developed to correct this noncompliance, Blue Bird will notify the affected owners and will provide the Mobileye repair instructions.

Parts:

Parts and remedy instructions will be available once the remedy has been developed.

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of potential repairs relating to this recall at no cost to you the vehicle owner, once a remedy has been determined.

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Administering the Recall:

When the remedy becomes available, **contact your local or nearest Blue Bird Dealer to arrange for this recall to be performed.** To locate an authorized dealer, search online at <u>www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer</u>

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

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