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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE (Interim Notice)

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-696 (School Bus)

DATE: November 3, 2021

TO: U.S. DEALERS

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

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 cover sheet.

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 dealers and 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 Dealer or to the vehicle owner, once a remedy has been determined.

If Blue Bird's records indicate bus(es) subject to this recall were delivered in your service area, a list of affected bus(es) will be enclosed. The bus(es) will be identified by Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet. **Dealers should verify correct owners and assure that complete mailing and shipping addresses are provided for each listed owner.**



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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 Lisa Hancock at 478-822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to Lisa Hancock, as well.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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