



July 28, 2023

THIRD NOTICE - RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

IMPORTANT VOLUNTARY SAFETY RECALL

TO: Dealer Blue Bird Owner

SUBJECT: **Bendix NHTSA Recall Number 22E033, Bendix BBCV Hydraulic Cummins Brake Pedal**
Blue Bird Recall Number R22BS, Bendix BBCV Hydraulic Cummins Brake Pedal

Dear Blue Bird Bus Owner:

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

This important voluntary safety recall notice applies to your bus(es) identified by both the 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 applicable section of the yellow cover sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC (Bendix) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Bendix[®] Brake Switch Interface within select Bendix Driver Control Module (DCM)s. Bendix notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the start of a voluntary safety recall campaign involving the Bendix[®] Brake Switch Interface within select Bendix Driver Control Module (DCM)s on April 13, 2022. **The campaign numbers assigned to this recall are noted in the subject line above.**

Impacted Product

Bendix is recalling the Bendix[®] Brake Switch Interface contained within all Bendix Driver Control Modules (DCM)s produced for Blue Bird C-Chassis with hydraulic brakes, a Cummins[®] engine, and a non-adjustable pedal – brake pedal part number K025587 | Blue Bird DCM part numbers 10049991 and 10049992 – manufactured between May 1, 2021, and March 16, 2022, inclusive. ***This action does not include*** the aforementioned Blue Bird vehicles with Bendix DCMs manufactured outside the indicated manufacture dates, nor those manufactured for any other OEM.

Impacted Vehicle Owners

- **Certain model year 2021-2023 Blue Bird Vision School Buses** manufactured from May 26, 2021, through April 28, 2022
- **Certain model year 2023 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Buses** manufactured from January 13, 2022, through January 19, 2022

Problem Description

Bendix has determined that a component manufactured at a Bendix sub-supplier was not within specification limits, leading to the potential defect. The defect is an undersized hole in the non-adjustable brake pedal that may not allow proper movement of the brake light switch interface components. The interface between the brake pedal and the brake light switch may bind and not change states, leading to improper brake light operation. Brake lights may not come on when the brakes are applied, or brake lights may remain illuminated when the brakes are not applied. These conditions can increase the risk of a crash.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC (Bendix) will voluntarily remedy the defect via a repair procedure and associated parts kit (e.g., the undersized diameter of the hole) on the non-adjustable brake pedal. The required repair kit is currently available and will be provided to you free of charge. This repair will take approximately .05 hours (30 minutes).

For your convenience, Technical Bulletin (*TCH-26-001*) released by Bendix is available on the Product Action Center online at bendix.com for future reference

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Parts

Secure your replacement kit(s) by visiting the Product Action Center on bendix.com to download the Bendix Brake Switch Interface Recall Request Form (https://www.bendix.com/en/servicessupport/recallcenter/recallcenter_1.jsp).

Complete the appropriate form electronically – saving the completed form onto your computer – or print and complete. Ensure that all of the required information is provided.

1. **Email all documents to BBswitch22@bendix.com (*preferred method*); or.**
2. **Send via U.S. Mail/Canadian Post to:**

**Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
Attention: Blue Bird Switch Recall Campaign
35500 Chester Road
Avon, OH 44011**

Please note, there is no part to return to Bendix once the repair is complete.

Labor Reimbursement

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repairs related to this recall at no cost to you the vehicle owner. The Standard Repair Time (SRT) to accomplish this R22BS recall repair – per vehicle – is 0.5 hours (30 minutes).

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REPLACED AN AFFECTED BENDIX BRAKE SWITCH INTERFACE

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.

If you have received this letter and you have replaced an affected non-adjustable brake pedal after March 16, 2022, specifically to address the defect described in this letter; Bendix will reimburse you for your cost of replacement upon Bendix's receipt of documentation detailing the replacement unless it was otherwise covered under warranty. If you have claims you believe are directly attributable to this Blue Bird DCM recall, please provide a complete set of documentation to BBswitch22@bendix.com.

IF YOU ARE A VEHICLE LESSOR

If you are a lessor of vehicles equipped with an affected non-adjustable brake pedal within select Bendix Driver Control Module (DCM)s, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy to the lessee within ten (10) days.

HOW TO CONTACT US

For updates about this action including technical questions and ordering information, please direct your comments or questions to the Bendix Tech Team, toll-free, at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE, option 2 (1-800-247-2725, option 2). Representatives are available to assist you Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET. You may also reach us via email at BBswitch22@bendix.com.

If you believe Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC has not remedied the defect of the aforementioned Bendix® Brake Switch Interface without charge and in a reasonable time following this notification, you may submit a written complaint to:

The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W. Washington, DC 20590
or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236
(TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to www.safercar.gov

We regret any inconvenience this voluntary recall campaign may cause you. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC