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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE
NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-049 (School Bus)

DATE: March 17, 2022
TO: U.S. DEALERS
SUBJECT: R22BP: FMVSS 403 Noncompliance - Wheel Chair Lift Brake Interlock Inoperative

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 2023 Blue Bird Vision School Buses
 - manufactured from December 2, 2021 through December 18, 2021

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 FMVSS 403, Platform Lift Systems.

Blue Bird shall conduct a voluntary safety recall to correct this noncompliance. It has been determined that certain Blue Bird Vision (BBCV) School Buses equipped with brake interlock features may fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS 403, Platform Lift Systems. During normal interlock operation, a vehicle cluster notification identifies when the interlock is active when the lift is not in the stowed position. With the affected units, the indicator for active interlock would not be present. No additional notification is present other than the absence of the indicator. This is due to an incorrect software file in the vehicle multiplex. The affected units are not sending a signal to activate the brakes when the wheel chair lift is in use. The root cause of this issue was determined to be an error in the software configuration database. The safety risk is the bus could move while the platform lift is in operation. Unexpected movement could result in increased risk of injury to the user and/or operator of the platform lift.

Corrective Action:

To correct this noncompliance, Blue Bird will notify the affected dealers and owners and provide repair instructions.

Labor Reimbursement:

Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of repairs relating to this recall at no cost to you the Dealer or to the vehicle owner. **The Repair Option and allowable labor time for this campaign is outlined below:**

- R22BP Repair
 - 0.5 hours (30 minutes)

Administering the Recall:

Buses with this non-compliance must be corrected immediately. A software update is currently available. The expected out of service time necessary to accomplish the software update is 30 minutes. **Blue Bird Dealers will perform a software update to rectify the issue at no cost to the Dealer or vehicle owner.**



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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.**

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.

Sincerely,

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