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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE
NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-279 (School Bus)

DATE: June 8, 2022
TO: U.S. DEALERS
SUBJECT: R22BT: FMVSS 131 Noncompliance - BBCV NEA Air Stop Arm

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 November 16, 2021 through April 13, 2022

On the subject buses, it has been determined that certain Blue Bird BBCV School Buses equipped with air stop arm features may fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 131, School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices. This issue could prevent the stop arm from functioning, as designed or have intermittent functionality. This is due to incorrect pins being installed in an electrical connector by the supplier. The affected units have two male pins instead of the designed male/female pin configuration.

Blue Bird shall conduct a voluntary safety recall to correct this noncompliance.

Corrective Action:

To correct this noncompliance, Blue Bird will notify the affected dealers and owners and will provide repair instructions and parts. A service pigtail which contains both connector halves with the correct pin gender will be provided. This pigtail is color coded and labeled for correct polarity installation. Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repair related to this recall at no cost to the Dealer or to the vehicle owner. The safety risk is a disruption in the functionality of the stop arm device could increase the risk of injury during the boarding and deboarding process of the bus, as required visual indicators for oncoming vehicles may not deploy properly. Recall R22BT should be inspected and repaired, per R22BT Recall Instructions. You may request parts at campaignparts@blue-bird.com
Parts are currently available.

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. **The Standard Repair Time (SRT) to accomplish this repair is outlined below:**

- **R22BT, Inspection and Repair**
 - 0.3 hours (18 minutes)



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Administering the Recall:

Parts to complete Recall R22BT are currently available.

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, as well.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

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