

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 22V-763 School Bus

DATE: December 7, 2022

SUBJECT: R22CD: Parts 1192 ADA Noncompliance Minimum Handrail Diameter

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This notice applies to your bus(es) identified by both Blue Bird Body Number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the enclosed yellow cover sheet.

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

Blue Bird Body Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in:

- Certain model year 2023 Blue Bird Vision Non-School Buses
 - manufactured from May 7, 2022 through August 30, 2022
- Certain model year 2023 Blue Bird All American Non-School Buses
 - o manufactured from June 25, 2022 through September 20, 2022

On the subject buses, it has been determined that certain Blue Bird Vision (BBCV) and All American (T3FE/T3RE) Non-School Buses calling for Handrail Part Number 10075076 may have an incorrectly sized diameter. The affected buses have a 1" diameter handrail. A smaller handrail size may be difficult to grip for some people, increasing the risk of injury. This issue is not compliant with Part 1192, Americans with Disability Act (ADA), Appendix A, Chapter 3, T303.3.2 which require a minimum diameter of 1.25". There is no advanced warning of the undersized handrail diameter.

Corrective Action:

To correct this condition, all affected vehicles will need to have the 1" diameter handrail replaced with the 1.25" version. Units should be inspected to determine if the 1" diameter handrail was used. Blue Bird will reimburse the labor cost of the repair related to this recall at no cost to the vehicle owner. Recall R22CD should be inspected and repaired, per R22CD Recall Instructions. Please contact your local Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have the Recall performed. To locate an authorized dealer, search online at <u>www.blue-bird.com/find-a-dealer</u> Recall R22CD should be inspected and repaired, per R22CD Recall Instructions. You may request parts at <u>campaignparts@blue-bird.com</u> Parts are currently available.

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 these repairs in accordance with the R22CD remedy procedure(s) is outlined below.

Repair Option and allowable labor time for this campaign, outlined as follows:

Repair A: Replace

• 0.10 Hours (6 minutes)

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Administering the Recall and Parts:

Parts to complete Recall R22CD are currently available. You may request parts through <u>campaignparts@blue-bird.com</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 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.

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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