

**R01FN**

November 15, 2001

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

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 determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2001 and 2002 model year Blue Bird conventional school buses. Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect.

The defect involves excessive webbing in the driver's seat belt shoulder harness. The additional webbing prevents the shoulder harness webbing from retracting properly and fitting the occupant as designed.

Blue Bird Body Company's evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to this defect is that, in the event of an accident, the driver's seat belt shoulder harness may fail to restrain the driver as designed.

Your Blue Bird bus (es) affected by recall R01FN are identified by body serial number(s) on the enclosed reply sheets. If you no longer own the subject bus (es), please complete the appropriate section of the yellow reply sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

To receive replacement driver's seat belts to correct this condition, sign and return the enclosed **yellow parts request sheet** and return it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid reply envelope. Replacement driver's seat belts will be shipped "No Charge" to you via UPS.

You may perform this modification yourself or have the work done by a qualified repair facility convenient to you. You may contact your Blue Bird distributor for assistance.

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Upon completion of the recall the owner should complete and return the pink reply sheet in the postage prepaid envelope provided. The owner may request reimbursement of labor costs by completing the appropriate section of the pink reply sheet. If repair is performed by other than the owner or a Blue Bird distributor, attach a copy of the paid work order/invoice to the reply sheet. Time required to perform recall R01FN is 0.5 hours (30 minutes) per bus.

Important: Your prompt return of the pink reimbursement sheet, complete with the correct Body Serial Numbers, permits Blue Bird to update the record indicating recall has been completed and prevents the mailing of a second notice. This is much appreciated. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

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  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

or you may call The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242.

Thank you,

Bill Coleman  
Recall Administrator

**BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY**

**RECALL R01FN**  
**OPTION 2836-02 DRIVER'S SEAT BELT**  
**REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT**  
**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Park vehicle and remove keys from ignition.
2. Inspect seat belt tag for vendor part number F12965. This is the only number that is required to be changed. Any other part number does not apply to this recall.
3. Remove shoulder belt upper locking retractor located to left and above driver.
4. Remove two T-50 torx fasteners retaining the height adjuster. Height adjuster is also located above and to left of driver.
5. Remove fasteners retaining both the drivers lap belt and lap buckle to the floor below driver's seat.
6. Install new driver's seat belt by reversing steps 3-5.
7. Destroy and discard original seat belt and shoulder harness.