



R14XR

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

**NHTSA RECALL NO. 14V-798 SCHOOL BUS
NHTSA RECALL NO. 14V-797 NON-SCHOOL BUS**

January 30, 2015

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

This important safety recall notice applies to your buses identified by both Blue Bird body number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the attached pink reply sheet.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Blue Bird has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2015 and 2016 model year “All American Forward Engine” and “Vision” model school buses and non-school buses.

The parking brake pedal assembly on buses equipped with hydraulic brakes may not have been manufactured correctly and could separate allowing the pedal to bend. If the park brake pedal assembly should separate, the bus could roll unexpectedly when parked which could cause property damage, personal injury or death.

Blue Bird is conducting a recall to correct this defect. Buses with this defect must be inspected and **corrected immediately**, if needed, according to the enclosed instructions for Recall R14XR. Parts and labor required to complete Recall R14XR, according to the attached instructions, will be provided at no cost to you.

Inspect park brake pedal assembly for suspect date code according to enclosed instructions for Recall R14XR. The date code on right side of parking brake pedal assembly must be inspected for date codes 1406 or 1407. If any other date codes are found, do not replace the pedal assembly. If date code is 1406 or 1407, the pedal assembly must be replaced.

If you no longer own the subject bus(es), please complete the appropriate section of the **yellow** parts request sheet and return to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

You should contact your Blue Bird dealer to have this recall performed. Or, if you prefer, you may perform this recall yourself or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall.

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If you elect to perform this recall yourself, or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall, you must complete and return enclosed Inspection Reply Sheet. Replacement park brake pedal(s) will be shipped to you at no charge according to a suspect date code you provide on the Inspection Reply Sheet.

Labor to inspect is 0.1 (6 minutes) per bus. Labor time allowed to remove the original park brake pedal assembly and to install a new park brake pedal assembly 0.42 hours (25 minutes) per bus.

If you perform Recall R14XR, or have a qualified repair facility convenient to you perform this recall, **reimbursement for labor** may be obtained by completing the *pink request for reimbursement sheet* provided and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid envelope.

If the repair directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the recall reply sheet and attach a copy of the work order/invoice. Mail the documents in the **pink** self-addressed postage paid envelope included with the recall notification 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.

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 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](http://www.safercar.gov)

Questions regarding this recall campaign should be directed to me at (478) 822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com.

Thank you,

Lisa Hancock

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