



R15YA

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 15V181 School Bus

NHTSA Recall Number: 15V180 Non-School Bus

DATE: April 24, 2015

TO: U.S. Dealers

SUBJECT: Recall R15YA: Driver's Heater Switch Panel Inverter Failure

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 2015 through 2016 model year Vision model school and non-school buses manufactured from June 19, 2014 through December 11, 2014 with a driver's heater control panel on the driver's console.

On the subject buses, the inverter for the illumination on the driver's heater control panel may fail. If the inverter should fail, it may produce smoke and a possible thermal event.

To correct this defect, the existing inverter will be replaced with a new inverter.

If our records indicate bus(es) subject to this recall were delivered in your service area, a listing identifying affected bus(es) by Blue Bird Body Number and VIN is enclosed. **Dealers should verify correct owners and assure that complete mailing and shipping addresses are provided for each listed owner.**

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 me at 478-822-2242 or lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com.

Parts to complete Recall R15YA must be obtained from Blue Bird Recall Administration via e-mail. Please scan a copy of the yellow cover sheet and e-mail to campaignparts@blue-bird.com. Owners are being advised to contact their local dealer or to return the yellow cover sheet with the correct shipping address indicated to receive parts.

Labor time to replace the inverter is 0.25 hour (15 minutes) per bus.

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For repairs performed by ‘the Blue Bird Dealer’, the Dealer may submit ‘Campaign-type’ claims in ClaimsCenter (a.k.a. iWarranty) for labor reimbursement. For repairs performed by ‘other than the Blue Bird Dealer’, the Owner’s recall notification letter includes a reply sheet that the Owner can send to Blue Bird Recall Administration for reimbursement of labor costs to the Owner.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Lisa Hancock

Lisa Hancock
Corporate Recall Administrator
Blue Bird Body Company