



R15YD

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA Recall Number: 15V277 School Bus

June 9, 2015

Dear Blue Bird Owner:

**Subject: Recall R15YD, C E White – Cushion Foam Non-Compliance FMVSS 302
Flammability of Interior Materials**

This important safety recall 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 certain 2016 model year Vision and All American Rear Engine model school buses manufactured from February 11, 2015 through April 2, 2015 fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) Number 302, “Flammability of Interior Materials”.

On subject buses equipped with certain C E White Quasi-Static Davenport and Flip Seat Bottom Assemblies, the seat cushions may have been manufactured with foam that does not meet the requirements of FMVSS 302.

To correct this condition, the C E White/HSM Solutions seat bottom assemblies must be removed and replaced with a new 302 compliant seat bottom assembly, as supplied by HSM. **The seat bottom replacement must be conducted in accordance with the outlined work instructions utilizing seat cushion foam that meets the FMVSS 302 requirements.** Repair parts for this recall are currently available at no cost to you by using the attached Recall Parts Kit Order Card.

Your Blue Bird bus(es) affected by this recall are identified by both Blue Bird Body Number(s) and Vehicle Identification Number(s) (VIN) on the enclosed yellow and pink 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.

Blue Bird recommends that you contact your local or nearest Blue Bird Dealer to arrange for this recall to be performed. The Dealer can perform the repairs, or arrange for repairs to be performed by a service repair facility authorized by the Dealer. However, you may elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall. A qualified technician should perform this recall.

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P.O. Box 937 – 402 Blue Bird Blvd – Fort Valley, Georgia – (478) 825-2021



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If you elect to perform this recall yourself or pay another independent repair facility to perform this recall, complete and submit the Pink Owner's Recall Reply Sheet provided. The Reply Sheet includes a section for the owner to request reimbursement of the owner's labor or to request reimbursement for a labor invoice paid by the owner to an independent repair facility.

The Owner's Recall Reply Sheet can be mailed in the postage prepaid envelope provided, faxed to 478-822-2467, or e-mail copies of the documents and supporting documents to lisa.hancock@blue-bird.com. Of course, if your Blue Bird Dealer performs the recall or arranged for repairs to be performed by a service facility authorized by the Dealer, the Blue Bird Dealer will notify Blue Bird about the completion of the recall.

Labor Time:

- Replacement of the Flip Seat bottom assembly is .10 hour (6 minutes per Flip Seat [Heading A on the Owner Reply Sheet])
 - Enter quantity replaced under Heading A
- Replacement of both Davenport seat bottom assemblies is 1.0 hour per bus (Heading B on the Owner Reply Sheet)
 - Transfer mounting brackets to new cushion.
- Staging and preparation is .25 hour per bus

To obtain replacement seat bottom cushions, request the appropriate HSM Seat Bottom Part Number from Beth Utz, Customer Service 1-419-492-2157 Extension 243. Once the Recall Parts Kit Order Form is completed forward this information to Beth via e-mail or fax.

1. **Contact:** Beth Utz - Customer Service
417 N. Kibler Street
New Washington, OH 44854
bautz@hsm solutions.com
FAX: 419-492-2544

2. **E-mail:**
Submit an e-mail to C E White/HSM Solutions at bautz@hsm solutions.com and attach the completed Recall Parts Kit Order Form and follow up with the Recall Response Card. Provide the installers complete shipping address (no Post Office Boxes), contact name, phone number, Blue Bird Body Number, and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

3. **Contact Phone Number:**
Contact Beth Utz, Customer Service,
1-419-492-2157 Extension 243

If C E White/HSM Solutions does not provide service repair kits, you may contact Blue Bird Body Company Recall Administration at 478-822-2242.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.



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If the modifications directed by this notification were performed on your bus prior to the receipt of this recall notification, complete and sign the pink 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.

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>

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