

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

20V-409

Manufacturer Name : Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** JUL 15, 2020**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-409**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R20AX-SB**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Blue Bird Body Company

Address : P.O. Box 937
402 Blue Bird Boulevard Fort Valley
GA 31030

Company phone : 478-822-2242

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 3,532

Estimated percentage with defect : 50 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2021 Blue Bird Vision

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : It has been determined that certain Blue Bird buses may fail to conform to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210 " Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages" requirements for seats with integrated 3-point seat belts due to the omission of one of the reinforcement washers under the floor in certain areas. Blue Bird will conduct a recall to correct this noncompliance. The seat installation on subject buses must be inspected and corrected according to the Blue Bird recall instructions, if found to be installed incorrectly. Blue Bird evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this noncompliance and determined that, in the event of an accident, there is a potential for injury to the occupant if these 3-point seat belt seats are installed incorrectly.

Production Dates : SEP 27, 2017 -JUL 02, 2020

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2018-2021 Blue Bird All American
Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES
Body Style : OTHER
Power Train : DIESEL

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FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : 210 - Seat belt assembly anchorages

Description of the Safety Risk : Blue Bird evaluated the risk to motor vehicle safety related to this noncompliance and determined that, in the event of an accident, there is a potential for injury to the occupant if these 3-point seat belt seats are installed incorrectly.

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occupant if these 3-point seat belt seats are installed incorrectly.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : There is no audible or visual warning, which would precede an event.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : WASHER,SEAT BELT,UNDERFLOOR LEG ATTACHMENT
Component Description : Underfloor Washer
Component Part Number : 10054386

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

On July 3, 2020, a Blue Bird audit discovered that certain school bus seats with integrated 3-point seat belts were not installed according per the engineering instructions. Blue Bird initiated a stop delivery that same day to inspect a total of 59 buses still on property with these seats. During the inspection, Blue Bird determined that 17 of the 59 were found to have underfloor reinforcement washers omitted which were required. These buses were corrected prior to delivery. Blue Bird has determined that a total of 3,691 buses have been sold in North America (United States and Canada populations combined) with these same seats. Blue Bird decided to issue a recall on July 10, 2020 to inspect all buses delivered prior to July 3, 2020 to ensure the proper seat installation on the units.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Visual inspection will be required to ensure that the proper seat hardware is installed. If any components are missing, the necessary seat hardware will be installed according to the Blue Bird recall instructions.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :

A remedied seat installation will have an underfloor washer installed at each of the rear seat bolt locations.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :

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Recall Schedule :

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Campaign Name:

R20AX – FMVSS 210 Noncompliance – Installation of Seats with 3-Point Belts

Parts availability September 30, 2020

Planned Dealer Notification Date :

SEP 11, 2020 - SEP 11, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date :

SEP 11, 2020 - SEP 11, 2020

* NR - Not Reported