OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

21V-284

Manufacturer Name: Blue Bird Body Company

Submission Date: APR 22, 2021 **NHTSA Recall No.:** 21V-284 **Manufacturer Recall No.:** R21BE-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: 1,634 Estimated percentage with defect: 45 %

Vehicle Information:

Vehicle 1: 2020-2022 Blue Bird Vision

Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: All SC-3 Check Valves manufactured between July 27, 2020, and September 9, 2020

are subject to this recall. The recalled SC-3 single check valves may not have the retainer fully seated in the retainer groove. The SC-3 check valves that are not subject

to this recall have the retainer fully seated in the retainer groove.

Production Dates: AUG 07, 2020 - JAN 25, 2021

Vehicle 2: 2020-2022 Blue Bird All American Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : DIESEL

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retainer fully seated in the retainer groove. The SC-3 check valves that are not subject

to this recall have the retainer fully seated in the retainer groove.

Production Dates: AUG 11, 2020 - JAN 28, 2021

Description of Noncompliance:

Description of the A retainer was not properly seated during assembly of the SC-3 Single Check Noncompliance: valve, such that when air pressure is applied, it may no longer provide source

air isolation, as defined and required by FMVSS 121.

FMVSS 1: 121 - Air brake systems

FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: A spring brake application that is uncommanded by the driver may result.

The degree of the spring brake application being vehicle schematic and

secondary reservoir failure dependent.

Description of the Cause: A setup-up error at the supplier caused the retainer to not be pressed to the

correct depth in the part.

Identification of Any Warning Such an occurrence may become known to a vehicle operator upon a secondary

that can Occur: reservoir circuit failure. The secondary circuit failure may trigger a low

pressure warning in the vehicle.

Involved Components:

Component Name 1: VALVE, SINGLE, CHECK, 90, O-RING, .5 PTC IN, .5 FPT OUT

Component Description: VALVE, SINGLE, CHECK, 90, O-RING, 5 PTC IN, 5 FPT OUT

Component Part Number: 10034984

Supplier Identification:

Component Manufacturer

Name: Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC.

Address: 901 Cleveland Street

Elyria Ohio 44035

Country: United States

Chronology:

Friday, April 16, 2021, Blue Bird received notification via e-mail that Bendix issued a Safety Recall on the Bendix SC-3 Single Check Valve.

Description of Remedy:

Description of Remedy Program: To inspect per the instructions and replace, if defective.

How Remedy Component Differs Only SC-3 Single Check Valves manufactured between July 27, 2020 and

from Recalled Component: September 29, 2020 may contain the defect. The Bendix SC-3 Single Check

Valves were received at Blue Bird in August, 2020.

Identify How/When Recall Condition Bendix, the supplier, has added software validation of the assembly setup was Corrected in Production: process and in-process control of the press operation to validate that the

check valve retainer is fully seated and will not separate.

Recall Schedule:

Description of Recall Schedule: Dealer and Owner Notifications are to be issued on or before June 18,

2021.

Parts are currently available.
Planned Dealer Notification Date: JUN 18, 2021 - JUN 18, 2021
Planned Owner Notification Date: JUN 18, 2021 - JUN 18, 2021

* NR - Not Reported