



BLUE BIRD

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

NHTSA NO. 14V-297

July 03, 2014

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 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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2012 and 2013 model year Blue Bird "Vision" model school buses manufactured from January 10, 2012 through April 24, 2013 and equipped with Roush CleanTech LLC propane fuel systems.

Blue Bird has determined that under certain circumstances corrosion can and will develop affecting the integrity of the fuel supply valve fitting on the fuel tank causing the connection to weaken. This failure may result in possible leakage of propane autogas, which could potentially lead to fire.

To remedy this condition the aluminum fuel supply valve fittings on the Roush CleanTech propane tanks will be replaced with a new stainless steel fuel supply fitting. Only Roush CleanTech propane tanks identified within the following ranges of propane tank serial numbers installed on Blue Bird buses are affected by this recall.

80252 through 80543  
81485 through 89164  
262424 through 270072  
A12102-002 through A12102-030

The enclosed R14XD Recall Inspection Sheet must be completed and returned to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid reply envelope to verify applicability of the Roush CleanTech propane tank serial number and fuel supply valve assembly part number to this recall. A Roush Propane Tank Serial Number Identification page with examples of propane tank data plates and location of serial numbers is also enclosed.

Replacement stainless steel fuel supply valve fittings will be provided to you at no charge for those buses with propane tank serial numbers within the Roush CleanTech propane fuel tank serial number ranges.

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You may contact your Blue Bird dealer to arrange to have this recall performed. Be sure to have your Blue Bird VIN number and propane tank serial number available when you place your call.

Or, you may contact your nearest Roush CleanTech Authorized Service Center to have this recall performed. If you need help in locating your nearest Roush CleanTech Authorized Service Center you may call Roush CleanTech at 1-800-597-6874 and Roush CleanTech will provide further instructions on how to have your bus repaired. Be sure to have your Blue Bird VIN number and propane tank serial number available when you place your call.

If you prefer and have personnel qualified to perform work on propane autogas systems, you may perform this recall remedy yourself or you may have a repair facility convenient to you that is qualified to work on propane autogas systems perform the recall remedy.

Labor time to inspect and record the serial number on each propane tank is 0.1 hour (6 minutes) per bus.

Labor time to replace the propane tank fuel valve fitting is 0.5 hours (30 minutes) per bus.

Repair performed by a Blue Bird dealer or Roush CleanTech Authorized Service Center will be performed at no charge to you.

If recall remedy is performed by your qualified personnel or a qualified repair facility convenient to you, reimbursement for labor may be obtained by completing the enclosed pink "**Labor Reimbursement**" reply sheet and returning it to Blue Bird in the enclosed pink postage prepaid reply envelope.

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

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 prepaid reply 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.



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If Blue Bird Body Company or Roush CleanTech LLC 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.

Sincerely,

Bill Coleman  
Corporate Recall Administrator  
Blue Bird Body Company