

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 18V-801

**Manufacturer Name :** Blue Bird Body Company**Submission Date :** NOV 14, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-801**Manufacturer Recall No. :** R18ZQ-NSB**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 : 86

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2007-2019 Blue Bird All American

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

**Descriptive Information :** On all 2007-2019, All American Ambulance buses it was determined that the litter clamp has insufficient safety factor under high load conditions or repeated cyclical loading which increases the likelihood of a clamp failure when patients are occupying the stacked litters.

Production Dates : SEP 19, 2006 - SEP 08, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

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FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the clamp should fail while a patient(s) is occupying the litter(s) then there is a risk of injury from falling off of the litter.

**Description of the Cause :** Blue Bird received evidence of elongation and component failure for the original litter clamp which resulted in a redesigned litter clamp with a significantly higher safety factor.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** The litter clamp can be inspected for evidence of elongation around the mounting hole.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR  
Address : NR  
NR  
Country : NR

**Chronology :**

On July 24, 2018, Blue Bird received a report of a litter clamp failure from a United State Air Force customer. By early October 2018, Blue Bird had redesigned the litter clamp to have a significantly higher safety factor. By the end of October 2018, Blue Bird had a validated manufacturing process for the redesigned litter clamp.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : To correct this condition, a redesigned clamp with a significantly higher safety factor was developed.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Owner notification to begin on or before December 13, 2018. Parts should be available January 31, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 13, 2018 - DEC 13, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 13, 2018 - DEC 13, 2018

\* NR - Not Reported