

# BLUE BIRD VISION GASOLINE



BLUE BIRD®



# AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE AND EASY TO USE



## Low-Acquisition Cost Leader

The Blue Bird Vision Gasoline bus gives you many of the benefits of propane or CNG buses (including emissions reduction) at a more affordable cost. Built to be cost effective both now and down the road, the Vision Gasoline offers the lowest acquisition cost among the many fuel types. Blue Bird, Ford® and ROUSH® CleanTech have come together to deliver a proven powertrain that's optimized for the school bus industry — and available exclusively from Blue Bird. Our Vision Gasoline bus comes with unwavering Blue Bird commitment to passenger safety, durability, service and support.

## Customer Spotlight: Cobb County Schools

Georgia's Cobb County Schools were an early adopter of the Blue Bird Gasoline Vision bus. They initially chose the gasoline because the infrastructure required for other fuel types would have been more difficult to implement, since many of the district's buses park away from the district's central fueling and shop locations. However, they found that these buses provided additional benefits. They realized long-term savings through their Total Cost of Ownership, since there is a larger pool of qualified mechanics, and, of course, up-front savings due to the low acquisition cost of the buses themselves. According to Rick Grisham, Executive Director of Transportation for Cobb County Schools, these buses have been a "win-win" for his district.

*"We have had a great experience with our gasoline buses so far. These buses are on daily routes and also do field trips, and we have experienced no problems with the acceleration of the vehicles. They do well on flat roads or hills, loaded or unloaded. One driver even told me, 'My bus responds like an SUV.'"*

Rick Grisham  
Executive Director of Transportation  
Cobb County School District, GA





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## Committed to Safety

Our Vision Gasoline buses are equipped with built-in features that ensure the safety of the passengers, including fuel tanks that are positioned between our robust frame rails. As with newer passenger vehicles, the in-tank fuel pump is electronically controlled to deliver only the amount of fuel required by the engine; no fuel is returned from the engine to the fuel storage tank. The fuel lines are isolated from static electricity and made from a low vapor permeable material to comply with EPA emissions standards. As with all liquid fueled Blue Bird buses, our gasoline fuel system has been tested to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for fuel system integrity.



# 6 Reasons To Choose Blue Bird Vision Gasoline

### RELIABLE ENGINE

Ford has produced over 1.8 million 6.8L V10 engines, a bold testament to this engine's proven performance and reliability, year after year.

### LOW ACQUISITION COST

The Blue Bird Gasoline Vision bus has the lowest up-front cost in the Blue Bird Type C Vision lineup of products, making this bus an affordable choice for your fleet.

### COLD WEATHER STARTUP

Blue Bird's Gasoline Vision has an impressive cold weather startup, reaching temperatures as low as -20° Fahrenheit – no need for pre-heating the engine.

### MORE MECHANICS

It is easier to find mechanics that have been trained to work on gasoline engines, making this bus easy to implement into your fleet.

### SIMPLE, LOW-COST MAINTENANCE

Smooth, quiet engine operation, no costly after-treatment, and easily accessible and affordable parts simplify the maintenance process of your fleet and saves you time and money.

### FUEL AVAILABILITY

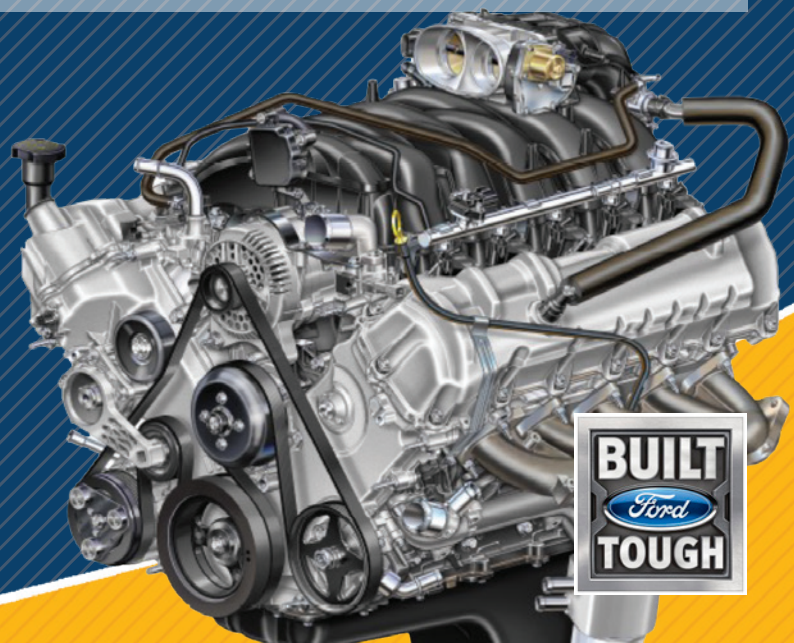
Gasoline is the most readily available fuel type in the US and Canada with fueling stations being plentiful in most areas.

## A Proven Powertrain

Blue Bird partners with Ford: offering the pairing of their 6.8L V10 engine with their reliable 6R140 Ford transmission. The Ford 6.8L V10 spark-ignited engine has a long history of success in Blue Bird's buses, as well as commercial-duty trucks. **It meets stringent emissions standards and eliminates:**

- Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF)
- Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF)
- Regeneration

Plus, it comes standard with a **5-year, unlimited mile warranty on the engine, transmission, and entire fuel system.** With over 1.8 million Ford 6.8L Engines produced, you can rely on the powertrain of the Blue Bird Vision Gasoline bus.







## The Blue Bird Vision Gasoline: The Low Acquisition Cost Leader

Now there's a highly affordable addition to our best-selling Vision bus series: the Blue Bird Vision Gasoline bus. They are built to give you instant savings from the start - and down the road - since our gasoline buses do not require thousands of dollars of additional equipment to run clean, and cost less to maintain. **A low up front cost, reduction in parts and greater availability of gasoline mechanics makes it easier and less expensive to maintain your fleet with the Blue Bird Vision Gasoline bus.**

### VISION GASOLINE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION HIGHLIGHTS

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<b>CAPACITY</b>	Multiple floor plans available with passenger seating up to 78	<b>TIRE SIZE</b>	11R22.5 (G) all-position radials
<b>EXTERIOR WIDTH</b>	96"	<b>WHEEL CUT</b>	50°
<b>INTERIOR WIDTH</b>	90 3/4"	<b>GVWR</b>	Up to 33,000 lbs.
<b>AISLE WIDTH</b>	Varies by floor plan	<b>STEERING</b>	Tilt & telescoping steering column
<b>SKIRT LENGTH</b>	16 1/4", 19 3/4", 25 3/4"	<b>FRONT AXLE</b>	Front axle (rating varies by capacity)
<b>OVERHANG</b>	45" front overhang with standard steel bumper. Rear overhang varies by body length/wheelbase	<b>REAR AXLE</b>	Rear axle with hypoid, single reduction gears with broad range of ratios available to optimize powertrain performance (rating varies by capacity)
<b>WHEELBASE</b>	189"/ 217"/ 238"/ 252"/ 273"/ 280"	<b>ALTERNATOR</b>	240, 270, and 320 amps with 12 volts
<b>OVERALL HEIGHT</b>	121" - 128" excluding roof options	<b>ENGINE</b>	Ford® 6.8L with Gasoline Fuel System, 320 hp Torque: 460 lb-ft @ 3,000 RPM
<b>INTERIOR HEIGHT</b>	77"	<b>TRANSMISSION</b>	Ford® 6R140 - 6 speed automatic
<b>FUEL TANK</b>	Standard 60-gallon, optional 100-gallon located between frame rails in rear overhang	<b>SUSPENSION</b>	Soft ride front leaf spring suspension (Rating varies by capacity); Two-stage steel leaf rear spring suspension system (rating varies by capacity); Air suspension available
<b>ENTRANCE DOOR</b>	27" wide x 78" high/double electric outward opening	<b>BRAKES</b>	4-wheel hydraulic disc brakes with 4-channel antilock brake system; Air drum and air disc brakes available
<b>REAR DOOR</b>	37" wide x 52" high		



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