

Propane Engine Crossmember

#16-0308



Figure #1

Recently we have had calls concerning cracked engine crossmembers on a 2015 Blue Bird Propane Vision, please see Figure #1 above.

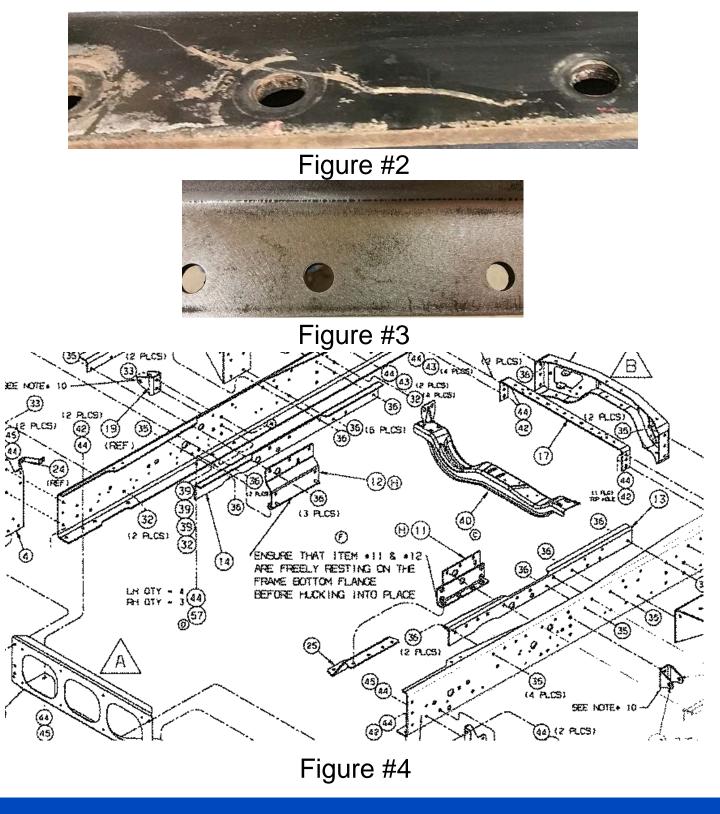
The concern was that Blue Bird Service Bulletin (S14XL), sent out in August of 2014, concerning the upper mounting cap screws and lower studs. With what appeared to be a crack, the thought was the mounting hardware caused the issue.

Upon further investigation, it appeared the "Frame Mounting Braces" (Figure #5, Items #25 and #61) cracked along the section where they mount to the lower frame flange. We removed and cleaned those and found no cracks in the steel but that they had been "scratched" to the point where it appeared to be a crack. Figure #2 shows the brace removed and Figure #3 shows it cleaned.

Figure #4 shows the original frame mounting of the engine crossmember where there were some mounting hardware issues. Figure #5 shows the updated frame mounting where the "Frame Mounting Braces" are added in production to address the original issue.

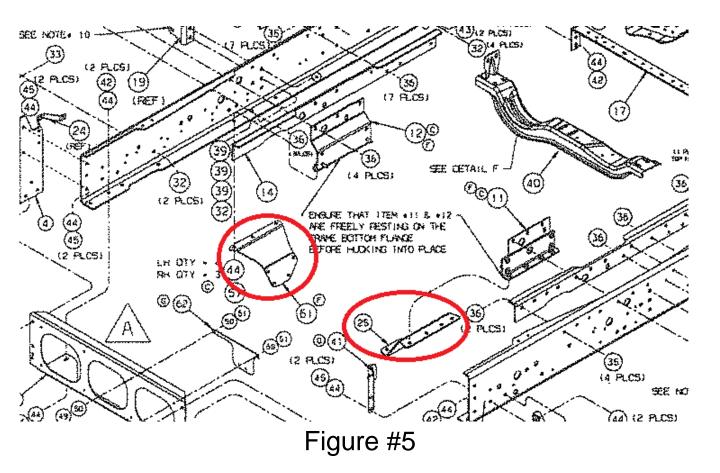
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PLEASE NOTE: We recommend as part of any good PM program, ALL frame crossmembers and hardware be checked to ensure no movement occurs that could cause issues. They should be checked during periodic PM inspections as well.

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