

Tech Tip

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NEW YORK BUS SALES!



Blue Bird Conventional & Transit Units w/Bendix Steering Columns

- Complaint –** In adjusting the tilt and/or telescoping feature, the column does not seem to “lock” in place
- Cause –** The “Release Handle”, located on the lower side of the column (See Figure #1) for this feature is designed to be “pulled” back on and will lock (See Figure #2) so the column can be adjusted to the best position for the driver. Once positioned where the driver needs, the Release Handle can be pushed back in, and the column will be locked and the vehicle can be driven. It was recently pointed out to us during a NYSDOT inspection that when the Release Handle is pushed inward toward the column (See Figure #3) the column may still tilt and telescope freely.
- Correction –** After making an adjustment to the position of the steering column and moving the Release Handle back into the “in” position, ensure that the steering column is indeed “locked” by attempting to tilt and telescope the column at the new position. If the column moves, pull the Release Handle back, reposition the steering column to the desired position, and press the Release Handle back in. Retest the “lock” aspect to the column. If multiple attempts are needed, return the vehicle for service maintenance.

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NYSDOT for bringing this to our
attention.

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FIGURE #1

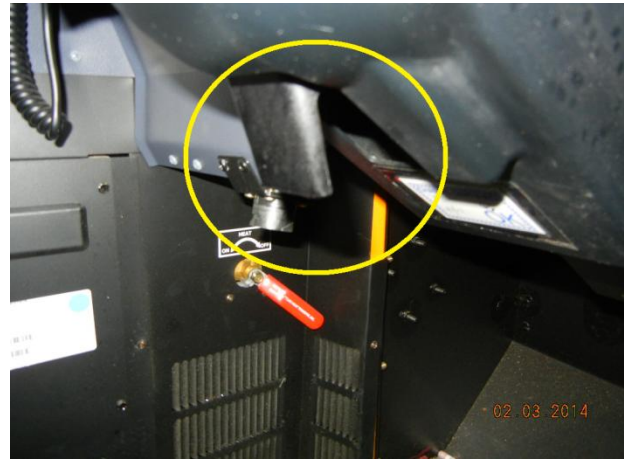


FIGURE #2

PLEASE NOTE – WHEN THIS DOES OCCUR MOVEMENT OF THE COLUMN WILL GENERALLY CAUSE THE RELEASE HANDLE TO “SNAP” BACK INTO PLACE



FIGURE #3



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