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Compliance Test Report
for a
2004 NABI, 61 Passenger Transit Bus
NHTSA No. C40804

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Tests were conducted on a model year 2004 NABI, 61-passenger transit bus, NHTSA No. C40804, in accordance with the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Test Procedure TP-217TB-00 to determine compliance to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 217, "Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release".

SECTION 2.0 – TEST SUMMARY

TEST SUMMARY

A 61-passenger, 2004 NABI bus (VIN: 1N90600243A140549) was tested to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 217, "Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release" on June 10, 2004. The testing was performed by OVSC engineers. The bus was tested in accordance with the OVSC test procedure TP-217TB-00, dated June 25, 2002. The bus is equipped with six (6) emergency exit windows on the curb side of the bus, 5 (5) emergency exit windows on the street side of the bus and two (2) emergency roof exits located at the front and rear of the bus. A summary of results is provided in the table below.

Table 1 – Test Summary

Section	Description	Pass/Fail	Reason
S5.2	Provision of Emergency Exits	Pass	
S5.3	Emergency Exit Release	Pass	Window 1 was not tested because of wheel well interference.
S5.4	Emergency Exit Opening	Fail	Ellipsoid cannot pass through Emergency Exit Window 1.
S5.5	Emergency Exit Identification	Pass	
S5.1	Window Retention	Not Tested	

SECTION 3.0 – COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

DATA SHEET No. 1

PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS

Table 2 - Provision of Emergency Exits

Exit Number	Emergency Exit Type and Location	Exit Dimensions	Exit Area	Maximum Credit Area Allowed (not to exceed 3,458 sq. cm)
1	Window, Right-Front	144 cm x 78 cm	11,232 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
2	Window, Right-Mid	144 cm x 78 cm	11,232 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
3	Window, Right-Mid	144 cm x 78 cm	11,232 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
4	Window, Right-Mid	144 cm x 50 cm	7,200 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
5	Window, Right-Mid	144 cm x 50 cm	7,200 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
6	Window, Right-Rear	144 cm x 50 cm	7,200 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
7	Window, Left-Rear	144 cm x 50 cm	7,200 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
8	Window, Left-Mid	144 cm x 50 cm	7,200 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
9	Window, Left-Mid	144 cm x 78 cm	11,232 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
10	Window, Left-Mid	144 cm x 78 cm	11,232 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
11	Window, Left-Front	144 cm x 78 cm	11,232 sq. cm	3,458 sq. cm
12	Roof Hatch, Front	54 cm x 54 cm	2,916 sq. cm	2,916 sq. cm
13	Roof Hatch, Rear	54 cm x 54 cm	2,916 sq. cm	2,916 sq. cm
				43,870 sq.cm

Total Required Area = 61 Designated Seating Positions (DSPs) x 432 cm^2 = **26,352 cm^2**
Total Credit Area = **43,870 cm^2** (PASS)

Each side of the bus must contain 40% of the Total Required Area
(.40 x 26,352 cm^2) = 10,541 cm^2

Total Credit Area-Left Side (5 windows)= (5 x 3,458 cm^2) = 17,290 cm^2 (PASS)
Total Credit Area-Right Side (6 windows)= (6 x 3,458 cm^2) = 20,748 cm^2 (PASS)

The bus has a rear roof exit and the configuration of the bus appears to preclude the installation of an accessible rear exit.

DATA SHEET No. 2

Table 3 - Access Regions and Forces to Release Exits

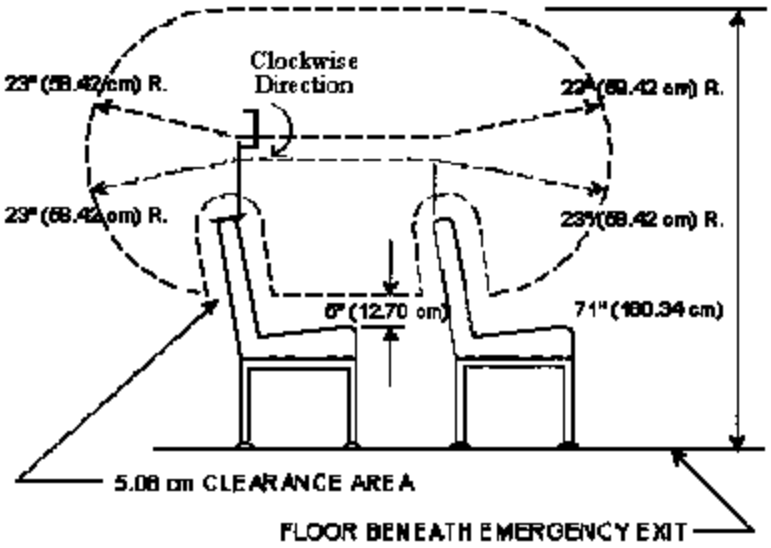
Emergency Exit Type and Location	No. of Release Mechanisms	Access Region	Motion to Release Exit	Measured Force to Release Exit	Max. Force Allowable	Pass	Fail
Window-Right-Mid - Exit 2	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 53.9 N 2) 49 N 3) 73.5 N Avg. = 58.8 N	89 N	X	
Window-Right-Mid Exit 3	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 44.1 N 2) 44.1 N 3) 44.1 N Avg. = 44.1 N	89 N	X	
Window-Right-Mid - Exit 4	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 44.1 N 2) 44.1 N 3) NT Avg. = 44.1 N	89 N	X	
Window-Right-Mid - Exit 5	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 49 N 2) 24.5 N 3) 24.5 N Avg. = 32.7 N	89 N	X	
Window -Right-Rear - Exit 6	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 29.4 N 2) 34.3 N 3) 44.1 N Avg. = 35.9 N	89 N	X	
Window-Left-Rear - Exit 7	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 49 N 2) 49 N 3) 49 N Avg. = 49 N	89 N	X	
Window-Left-Mid - Exit 8	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 24.5 N 2) 24.5 N 3) 44.1 N Avg. = 31 N	89 N	X	
Window-Left-Mid - Exit 9	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 49 N 2) 24.5 N 3) 49 N Avg. = 40.8 N	89 N	X	
Window-Left-Mid - Exit 10	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 49 N 2) 49 N 3) 49 N Avg. = 49 N	89 N	X	
Window-Left-Front - Exit 11	1	High + Low	Rotary	1) 44.1 N 2) 44.1 N 3) 44.1 N Avg. = 44.1 N	89 N	X	

Note:

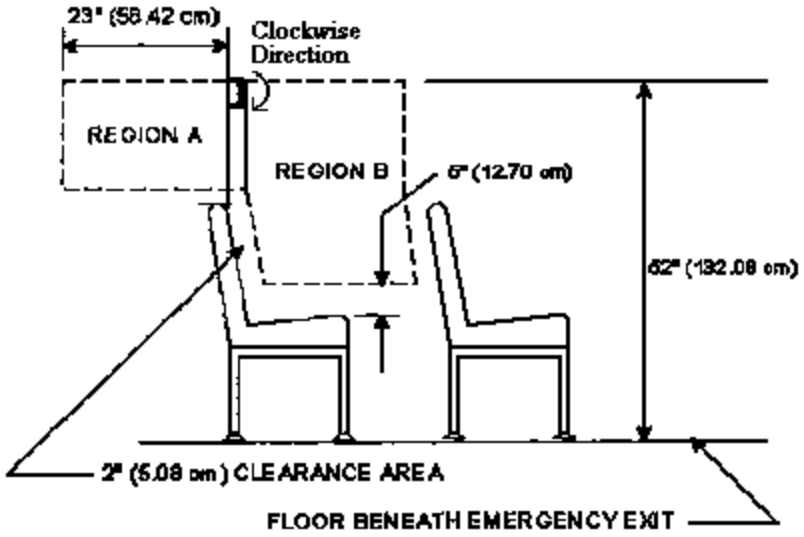
Each release mechanism tested was exercised three times prior to measuring the release force. The term exercised is used to describe the action whereby the release mechanism is released and the window opened and then returned to its original unreleased location.

The forces were measured using a Shimpo MF handheld force gauge. The force gauge has a hook at one end that allows for the attachment of the gauge onto the release mechanism. After the gauge is attached an engineer applies a force to the gauge which is transferred to the release mechanism. The engineer applies increasingly greater force until the release mechanism is released. The force measured is recorded and the gauge is zeroed for the next test.

Access Regions for Low Force



Access Regions for High Force



DATA SHEET No. 3

Table 4 - Access Regions and Forces to Open Exits

Emergency Exit Type and Location	Access Region	Motion to Extend Exit	Measured Force to Open Exit	Max. Force Allowable	Pass	Fail
Window-Right-Mid - Exit 2	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 147 N 2) 122.5 N 3) 98 N Avg. = 122.5 N	267 N	X	
Window-Right-Mid Exit 3	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 98 N 2) 117.6 N 3) 98 N Avg. = 119.2 N	267 N	X	
Window-Right-Mid - Exit 4	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 73.5 N 2) 117.6 N 3) NT Avg. = 95.6 N	267 N	X	
Window-Right-Mid - Exit 5	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 196 N 2) 78.4 N 3) 98 N Avg. = 124.1 N	267 N	X	
Window -Right-Rear - Exit 6	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 98 N 2) 107.8 N 3) 122.5 N Avg. = 109.4 N	267 N	X	
Window-Left-Rear - Exit 7	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 122.5 N 2) 122.5 N 3) 98 N Avg. = 114.3 N	267 N	X	
Window-Left-Mid - Exit 8	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 122.5 N 2) 98 N 3) 122.5 N Avg. = 114.3 N	267 N	X	
Window-Left-Mid - Exit 9	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 122.5 N 2) 122.5 N 3) 122.5 N Avg. = 122.5 N	267 N	X	
Window-Left-Mid - Exit 10	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 98 N 2) 73.5 N 3) 73.5 N Avg. = 81.7 N	267 N	X	
Window-Left-Front - Exit 11	High + Low	Straight and Perpendicular	1) 98 N 2) 98 N 3) 93.1 N Avg. = 96.4 N	267 N	X	

A Shimpo MF handheld force gauge is used to measure the force to open the exit. The force gauge has a flat attachment on one end that provides a surface to place against the exit. The exit is released prior to measuring the force to open the exit. An engineer then applies an increasing force to the force gauge until the exit is opened allowing passage of the 33cm by 50cm ellipsoid. The force is recorded and the gauge is zeroed for the next test.

Exit 1 cannot be extended to permit passage of the ellipsoid. Interference from the passenger information sign at the top of the window prevents the window from extending.

Emergency Exit Identification

1. Each emergency exit has a permanently affixed, legible label or placard with the designation "Emergency Door" or "Emergency Exit." **PASS**

2. Each emergency exit has a permanently affixed, legible label or placard describing the motion necessary to release (unlatch) and open the exit. **PASS**

3. The label is within 16 cm of the nearest release mechanism. **PASS**

SECTION 4.0 – INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

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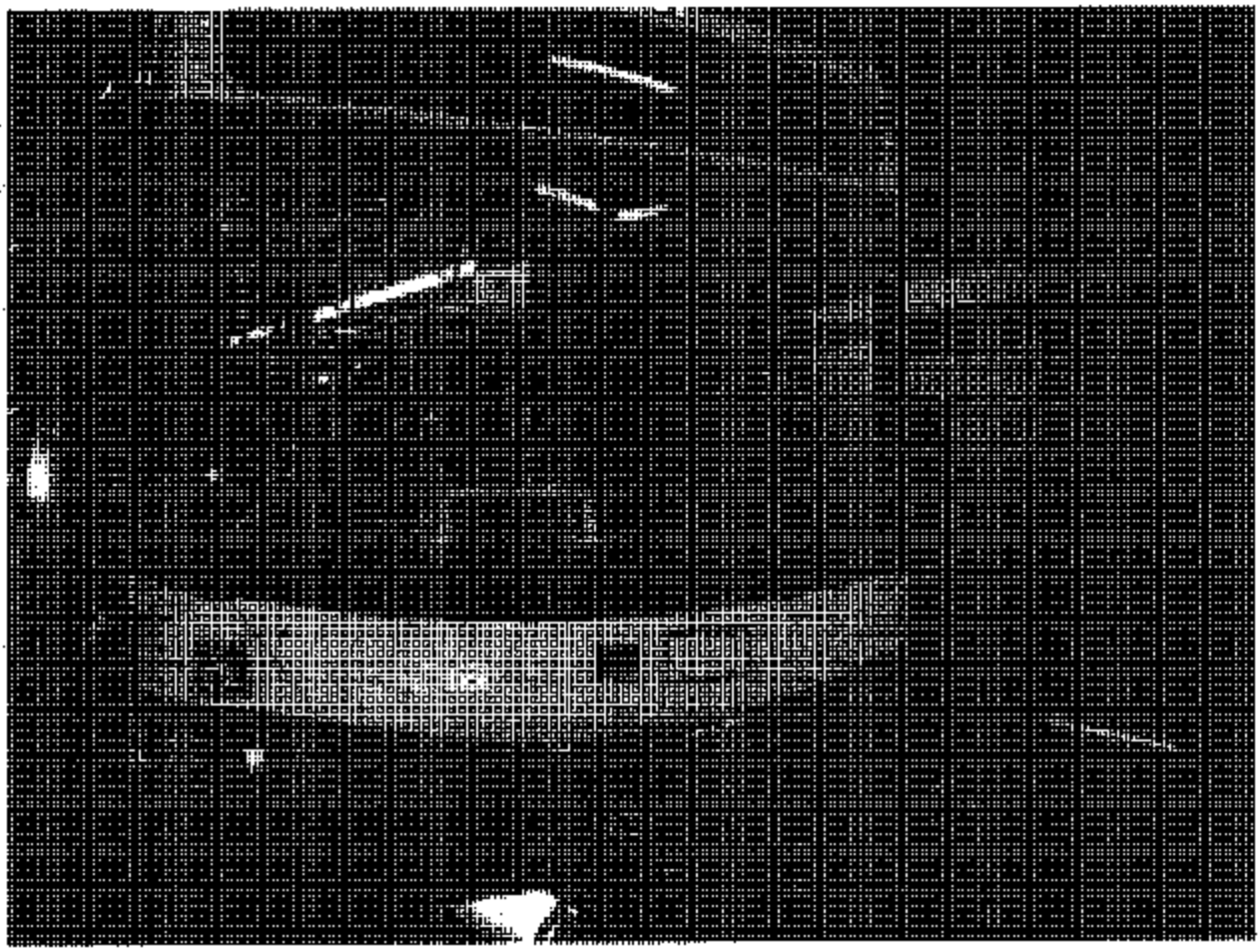
EQUIPMENT	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NO.
Ellipsoid	Minor Axis = 33 cm Major Axis = 50 cm	N/A
Force gauge	Shimpo MF	505110
Craftsman 8m Tape Measure	Tape Measure	N/A

SECTION 5.0

PHOTOGRAPHS LIST



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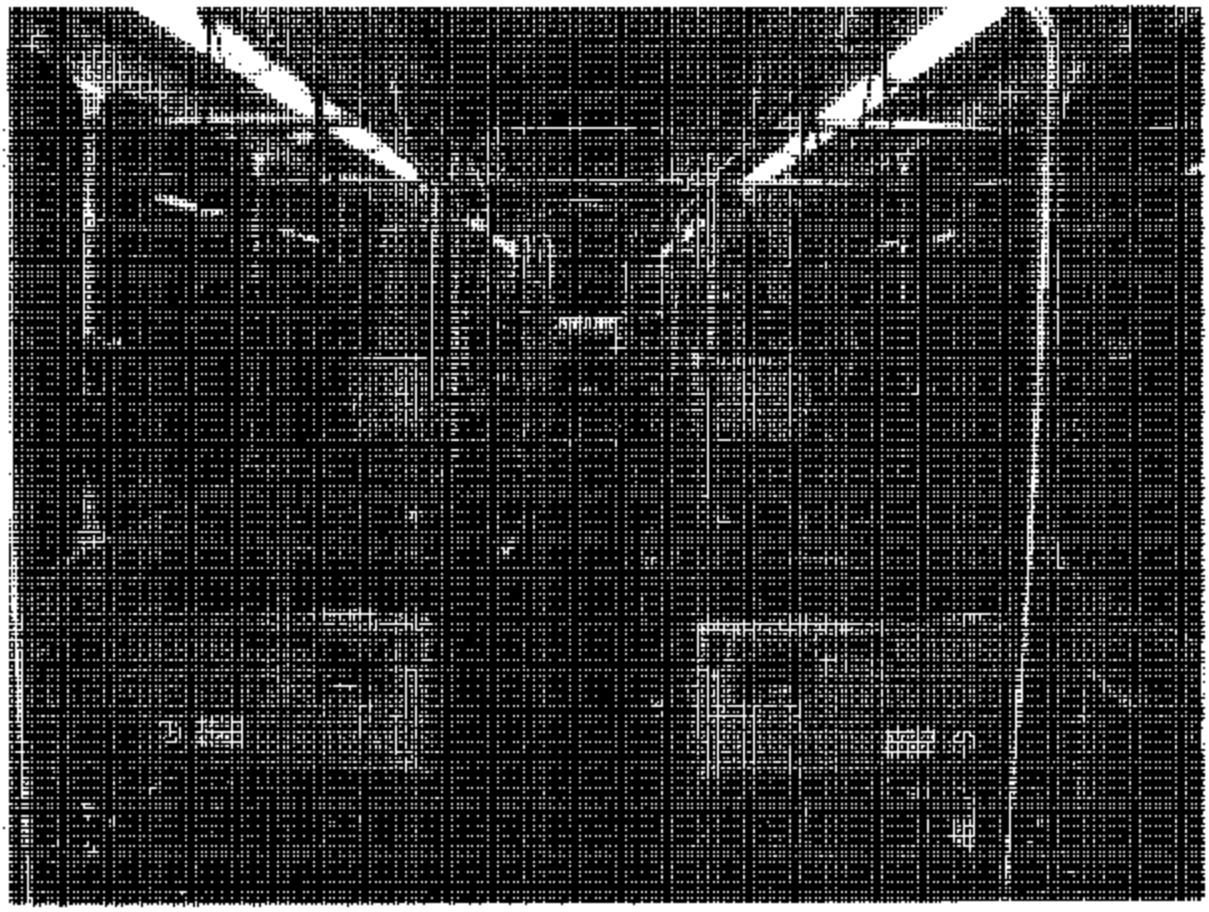
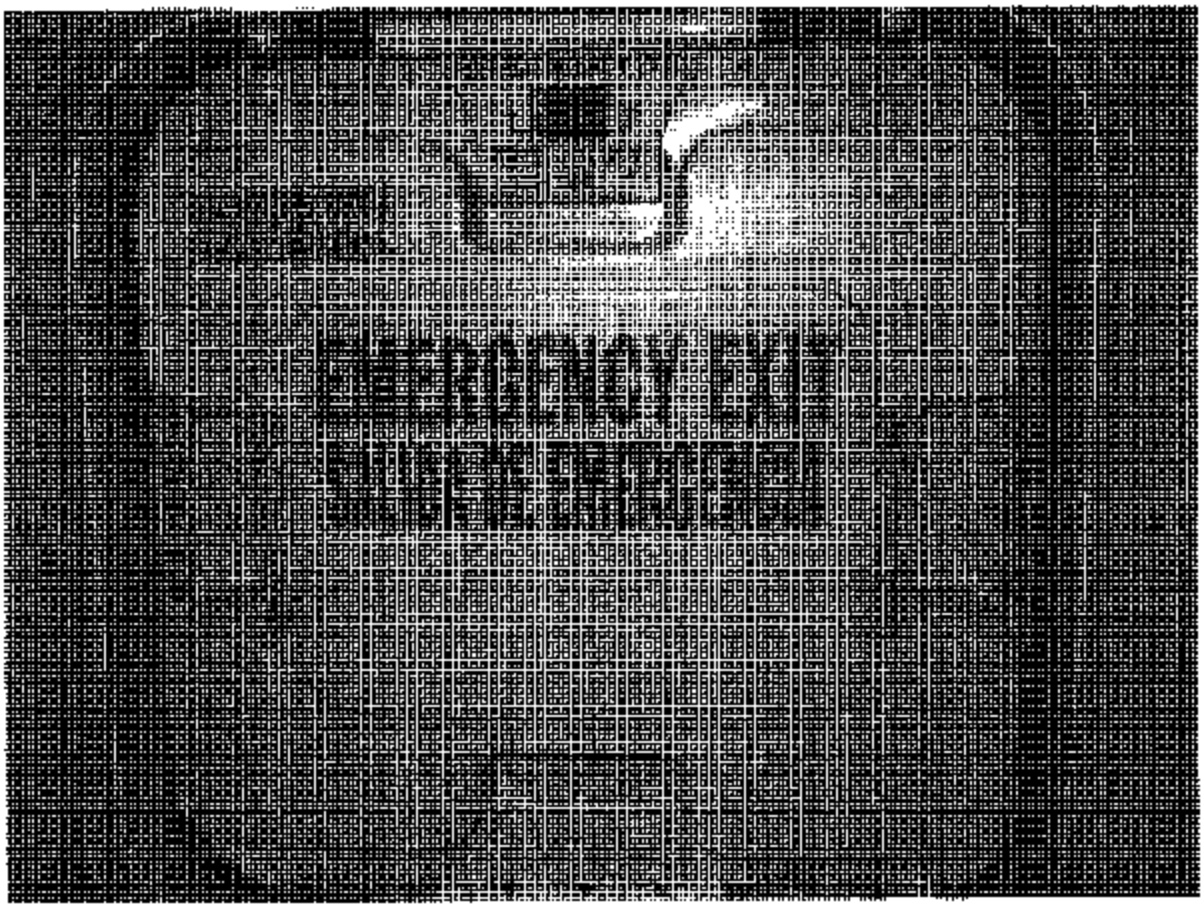


Photo 2 - Interior Rear View

Photo 3 – Emergency Exit Label and Release Mechanism



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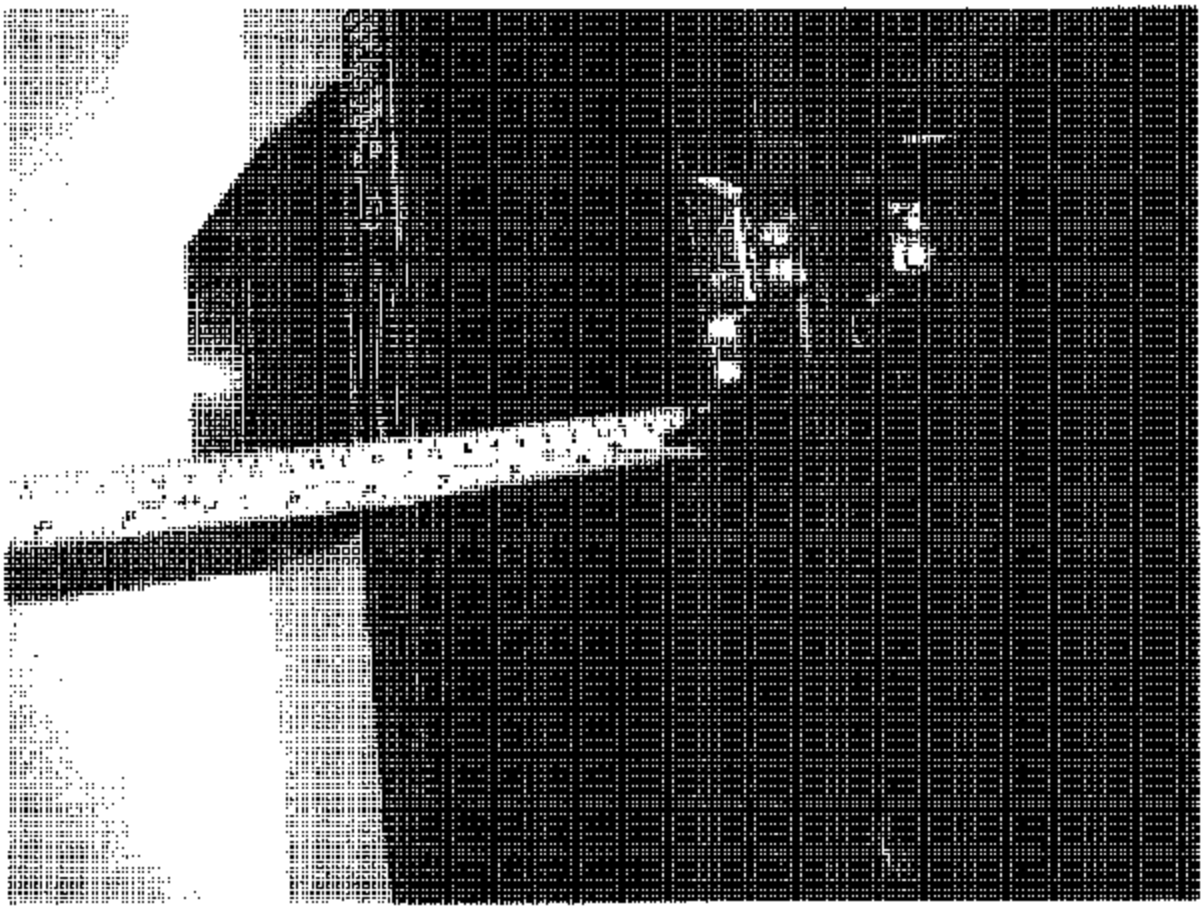


Photo 5 – Emergency Exit 1, Fully Extended

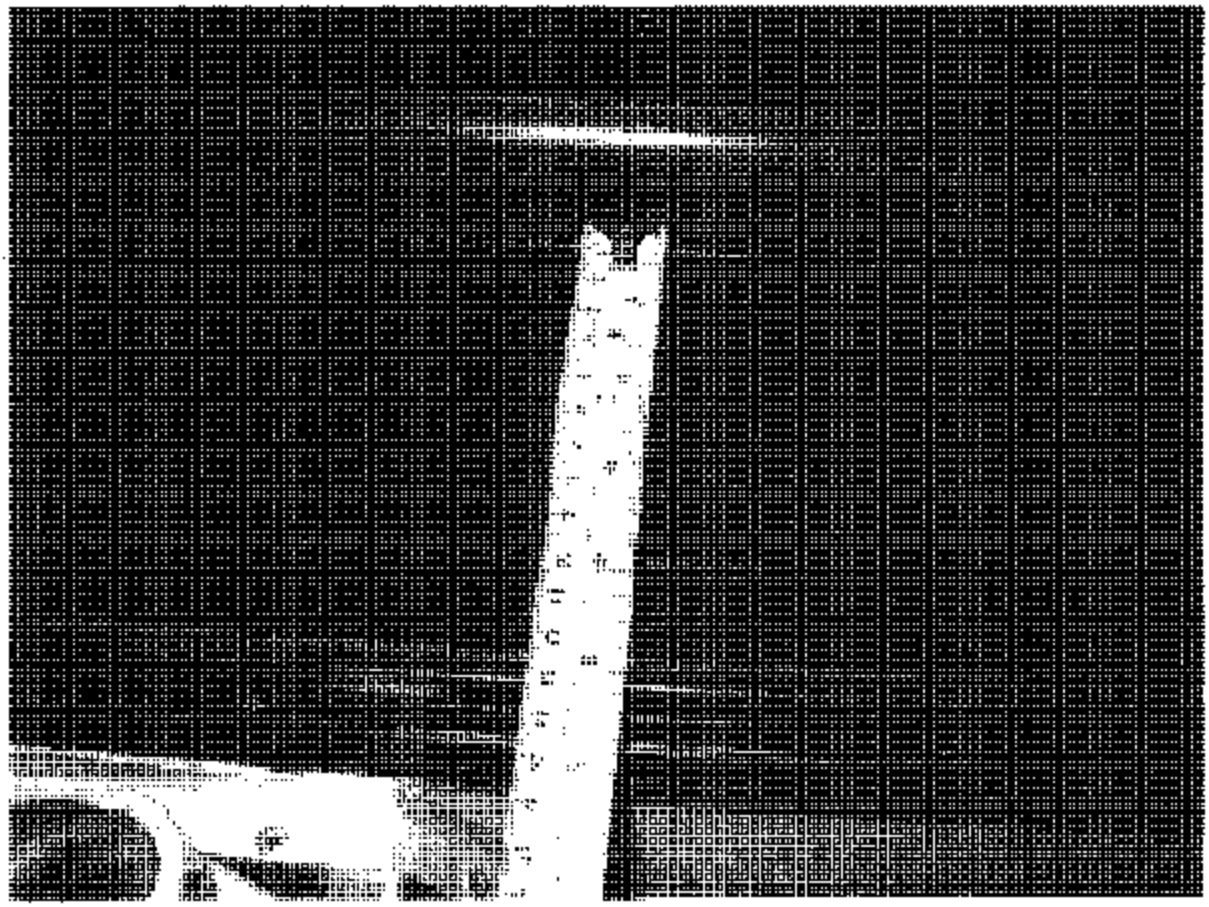
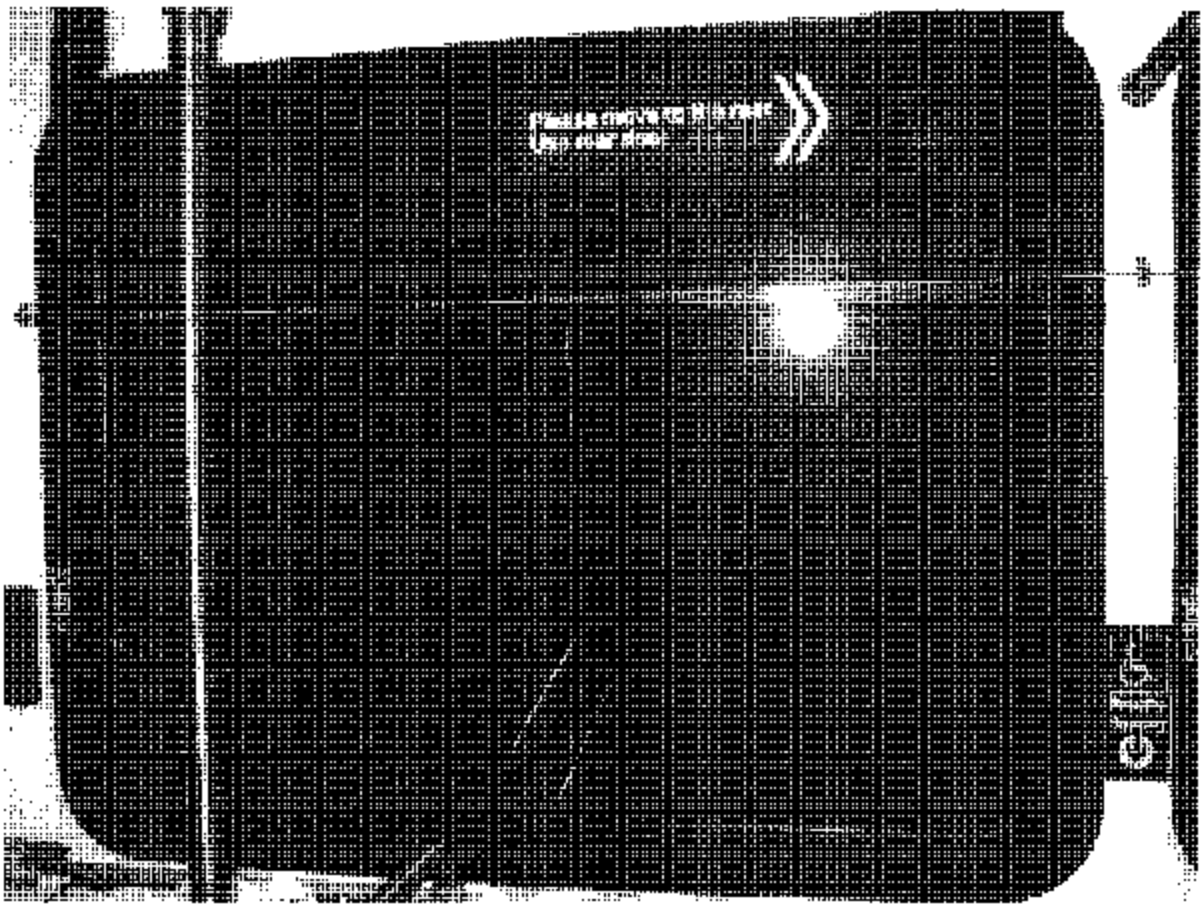


Photo 6 – Emergency Exit 1, Fully Extended (Bottom of Window)



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