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SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a MY2005 Girardin Minibus School Bus, NHTSA No. C50902, in accordance with the specifications of the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Test Procedures TP-217-06 to determine compliance to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 217, "School Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release".

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SECTION 2 TEST DATA SUMMARY

Based on the tests performed, the MY2005 Girardin Minibus School Bus, NHTSA No. C50902 did appear to meet the requirements of FMVSS 217. See Data Sheet 1 for Test Summary on the following page.

DATA SHEET 1 TEST SUMMARY

GENERAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

| Model Year/Make/Model: | 2005/ Girardin/ Minibus | |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| NHTSA No.: | C50902 | |
| GVWR: | 4,354 kg 9,600 lb | |
| Build Date for Bus Chassis: | 08/04 | |
| VIN: | 1FDSE35L85HA02436 | |
| Chassis VIN: | 1FDSE35L85HA02436 | |
| Seating Capacity: | (18 Passengers, 1 Driver) | |
| Type of Bus: | School Bus | |
| Tire Pressure from tire placard (at capacity): | : Front: 380 kPa Rear: 550 kPa | |
| Odometer Reading: | 550.7miles | |

| | PASS/FAIL |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| \$5.1 WINDOW RETENTION | PAss |
| S5.2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS | PASS |
| Meets minimum exit provisions | PASS |
| Meets all other exit requirements | PASS |
| Meets requirements for additional exits | PARS |
| \$5.2.3.1.A EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS | PASS |
| \$5.3 EMERGENCY EXIT RELEASE | PASS |
| Forces to unlatch the emergency exits | @A83 |
| Forces to open the emergency exits | PA33 |
| S6.4 EMERGENCY EXIT OPENING | PASS |
| \$5.5 EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION | 2A33 |
| S6.5 TAPE REFLECTIVITY (49CFR 571.131) | NOT TESTED |

COMMENTS: NONE

SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

The following data sheets document the results of testing on the 2005 Girardin Minibus School Bus, NHTSA No. C50902.

DATA SHEET 2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

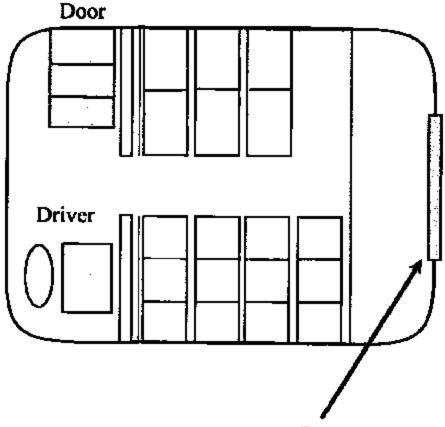
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Right

Front



Rear **Emergency Exit** Door

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|---|---|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
| | _ | | Height (mm) | VMdth (mm) |
| | 1 | Rear Emergency Exit Door | 1225 | 845 |

Seating Capacity:

19 (Including Driver)

| | PASS/FAIL |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Bus meets minimum emergency exit provision, based upon Table 1 | PASS |

Comments:

None

DATA SHEET 2 (CONTINUED) PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS

| | | PASS/FAIL |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Rear Emergency Door – opens outward and is hinged on the right side (either side, if the bus has a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less) | PASS |
| 2 | Side Emergency Door – hinged on its forward side. No more than one side emergency exit door is located, in whole or in part, within the same post and roof bow panel space. | N/A |
| 3 | Rear Push Out Window - provides a minimum opening clearance 41 cm high and 122 cm wide (16" x 48") | N/A |
| 4 | Roof Exit – is hinged on its forward side, and operable from both the inside and outside the vehicle | N/A |
| 5 | There is an even number of side emergency exit windows on each side of bus. | N/A |
| 6 | The bus is not equipped with both sliding and push-out windows, (except for buses equipped with rear push out emergency exit windows). | N/A |
| 7 | A right side emergency exit door, if any, is located as near as practicable to the midpoint of the passenger compartment. | N/A |

COMMENTS: NONE

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DATA SHEET 3 EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50902

Test Date:

06/0B/05

| | | PASS/FAIL |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | The engine starting system does NOT operate if any Emergency Exit is LOCKED | N/A (a) |
| 2 | All Emergency Door and Roof Exits can be released by one person (from inside and outside of bus) | PASS |
| 3 | When the Release Mechanism is NOT in the closed position and the vehicle ignition is in the "ON" position, there is a continuous warning sound audible at the Driver's DSP and in the vicinity of the Emergency Door(s) having the unclosed mechanism. | PASS |
| 4 | Emergency exit release mechanism does not use remote controls or central power systems | PASS |

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(a) Door does not lock.

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SHEET 4A EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle:

Test Lab:

2005 Girardin Minibus

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50902

Test Date:

06/08/05

EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - INTERIOR

| Exit Location | Rear Door |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Exit Description | Emergency Exit Door |
| Letter Height (cm) | 4.94 (a) |
| Background Color | White |
| Location inside | Above Door |
| Pass/Fail | PASS |

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - INTERIOR

| OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - INTERIOR | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Exit Location | Rear Door | | | |
| Instructions | Emergency Only To Open Pull up and Push | | | |
| Letter Height (cm) | 0.92 (b) | | | |
| Letter Color | Black | | | |
| Background Color | White | | | |
| Distance From Release (cm) | 2 | | | |
| Reflective Tape Color | N/A | | | |
| Reflective Tape Width | N/A | | | |
| Pass/Fail | PASS | | | |

COMMENTS:

(a) Some letters meet the 5.0 cm requirement. The measurement shown represents the smallest letter height.

(b) Some letters meet the 1.0 cm requirement. The measurement shown represents the smallest letter height.

DATA SHEET 4B EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

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NHTSA No.:

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Test Date:

06/08/05

EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - EXTERIOR

| Exit Location | Rear Door | |
|--------------------|----------------|--|
| Exit Description | Emergency Door | |
| Letter Height (cm) | 4.9 (a) | |
| Background Color | Yellow | |
| Location Outside | Above Window | |
| Pass/Fail | PASS | |

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - EXTERIOR

| OF ENGLISHMENT MOTIONS - EXTENSE | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Exit Location | Rear Door | | | |
| Instructions | (Arrow Pointing Up) | | | |
| Letter Height (cm) | (b) | | | |
| Letter Color | Black | | | |
| Background Color | Yellow | | | |
| Distance From Release (cm) | 4.5 | | | |
| Reflective Tape Color | Yellow | | | |
| Reflective Tape Width | 2.6 | | | |
| Pass/Fail | PASS | | | |

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(a) Some letters meet the 5.0 cm requirement. The measurement shown represents the smallest letter height.

(b) Arrow Only

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DATA SHEET 4 (CONTINUED) EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50902

Test Date:

06/08/05

| | | PASS/FAIL |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Each required Emergency Exit is labeled with the words "Emergency Exit" or "Emergency Door" as appropriate in letters at least 5 cm high (2") of a color that contrasts with its background. | PASS |
| 2 | Emergency Doors – The designation "Emergency Exit" or "Emergency Door" is located at the top of, or directly above the exit door on both inside and outside surfaces of the bus. | PASS |
| 3 | Roof Exits – The designation for roof exits is located on an inside surface of the exit, or within 30 cm (11.8") of the roof exit opening. | N/A |
| 4 | Emergency Window Exits – The designation is located at the top of, or directly above, or at the bottom of the emergency window exit on both the inside and outside surfaces of the bus. | N/A |
| 5 | Exit Operating Instructions indicate all motions required to unlatch and open the exit, in letters at least 1 cm (.39") high and of a color that contrast with its background and shall be located within 15 cm (5.9") of the release mechanism on the inside surface of the bus. | PASS |
| 6 | Each required Emergency Exit opening is outlined around its perimeter with a 2.5 cm (1") wide retroreflective tape of red, white, or yellow color. | PASS |

COMMENTS:

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Approved By: Date: 06/08/05

DATA SHEET 5 TAPE RELECTIVITY TEST

| Test Vehide: Test Lab: | 2005 Girardin Minibus MGA Research-Wiscons | | NHTSA No.: C5090 Test Date: | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Color of re | troreflective | tape (white, | red, or yellow) |) | |
| | Glass bea | d retroreflect | ive element | material – Fili | in Part A | |
| | Prismatic | retroreflective | e element ma | ateriał – Fill in | Part B | |
| | SPECIFIC INTENSITY P (Candela Per Foot Cand | | | | | |
| | Observation Angle | Entrance Angle | Min. Reqd. Intensity | Recorded Intensity | Pass/Fa | iil |
| | Part A – Glass Bead | 1 | · - | | | \exists |
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| | Part B - Prismatic | <u> </u> | | | | \exists |
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| | This section of tape pass | es the REFL | ECTIVITY N | equirement. | Yes No | <u> </u> |
| | COMMENTS: NOT TES | ITED | | | | |
| | Recorded By: | | | _ | | |
| | Approved By: | | | Date | s: | |

DATA SHEET 6A FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

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Test Date:

06/08/05

| Exit Location | Exit Description | High/Low Force Area | Maximum Force Requirement Newtons | Actual Force Measured (N) | Motion(s) required to Release Exit | Actual Motion(s) to Release Exit | PASS/FAIL |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rear Exit Door | Emergency Exit Door | Hlgh | 178 | 1. 33.9 2. 34.7 3. 30.4 Average: 33 | Straight | Pull Up | PASS |

COMMENTS: NONE

Recorded By: Approved By:

DATA SHEET 6B FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

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Test Date:

06/08/05

| Exit Location | Exit Description | High/Low Force Area | Maximum Force Requirement Newtons | Actual Force Measured (N) | Motion(s) required to Release Exit | Actual Motion(s) to Release Exit | PASS/FAIL |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rear Exit Door | Emergency Exit Door | High | 178 | 1. 101.3 2. 102.5 3. 103.2 Average: 102.3 | Rotary | Counter Clockwise 90° Tum | Pass |

COMMENTS: NONE

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DATA SHEET 7A FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

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Test Date:

06/08/06

| Exit Location | Exit Description | High/Low Force Area | Maximum Force Requirement Newtons | Actual Force Measured (N) | Motion(s) required to Open Exit | Actual Motion(s) to Open Ex <u>it</u> | Passage of Ellipsoid or Parallelepiped | PASS/FAIL |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rear Door | Emergency Exit Door | High | 178 | 1. 5.4 2. 6.1 3. 5.9 Average: 5.8 | Push | Push Outward | 114x56x15 Parallelepiped | PASS |

Describe in the comments section if more than one force and motion are required to unlatch the exit.

COMMENTS: NONE

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DATA SHEET 7B FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS - EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2005 Glrardin Minibus

Test Lab:

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Test Date:

06/08/06

| Exit Location | Exit Description | High/Low Force Area | Maximum Force Requirement Newtons | Actual Force Measured (N) | Motion(s) required to Open Exit | Actual Motion(s) to Open Exit | Passage of Ellipsoid or Parallelepiped | PASS/FAIL |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rear Exit Door | Emergency Exit Door | High | 178 | 1. 7.2 2. 6.6 3. 6.2 Average: 6.7 | Straight I | Pull Out | 114x56x15 Parallelepiped | 288.4 |

Describe in the comments section if more than one force and motion are required to unlatch the exit.

COMMENTS: NONE

DATA SHEET 0 **EMERGENCY EXIT EXTENSION**

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

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| | | PASS/FAIL |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Exit(s) can be extended by a single person. | PASS |
| 2 | Each emergency exit door is equipped with a positive door opening device that meets the requirements (outlined in Section S5.4.1 (3) of FMVSS 217). | PASS |
| 3 | There is a 30 cm (11.81") wide clear aisle space for each side emergency door exit. | N/A |
| 4 | There is no seat or barrier which extend past the side door opening | N/A |
| 5 | For flip-up seat adjacent to the side emergency door exit it automatically assumes and retain a vertical position when not in use, so that no portion of the seat bottom is within the 30 cm (11.81") alsie clearance space | N/A |
| 6 | There is no obstruction of door latch mechanism for the rear emergency door. | PASS |

COMMENTS: NONE

DATA SHEET 9 WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

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Test Date:

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| 1 | Test Window Identification: | Left Side Window #2 |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc. | Single Vertical Stiding |
| 3 | Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel. | 11.25" H x 22.38" W |
| 4 | Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria: | PASS Max Displacement of 43mm |
| 5 | Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the completion of the retention test? | N/A |

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DATA SHEET 9 (CONTINUED) WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2005 Girardin Minibus

Test Lab:

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Test Date:

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| 1 | Test Window Identification: | Right Side Window #1 |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc. | Single, Vertical Sliding |
| 3 | Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel. | 11.25" H x 29" W |
| 4 | Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria: | PASS Max Displacement of 43mm |
| 5 | Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the completion of the retention test? | N/A |

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SECTION 4 INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Test Vehicle: 2005 Glrardin Minibus

Test Lab:

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Test Date: 06/08/05

| Equipment | Description | Model/Serial No. | Cal. Date | Next Cal. Date |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Head Form | MGA | 217 | When Used | When Used |
| A/D Interface | Metrabyte | DAS-1802 | ~ | 4~- |
| Sphere | MGA | Sphere – 1A | When Used | When Used |
| Load Cell | Interface | 1210Af-137751 | 03/09/05 | 09/09/05 |
| Inclinometer | Digital Protractor | Pro 360 / Comp Lab | 02/16/05 | 08/16/05 |
| Linear Potentiometer | Ametek | P40A/0504- 21782 | 05/23/05 | 11/23/05 |
| Digital Calipers | Mitutoyd | CD-6" cs/ 0441288 | 04/01/05 | 10/01/05 |
| Steel Tape | Stanley | Powerlock / 232 | 02/03/05 | 08/03/05 |
| Camera | Sony | DSC-S75 | | |
| Ellipsoid | MGA | ELLIP – 1A | When Used | When Used |
| Paraltelepíped | MGA | PARA – 2A | When Used | When Used |
| Force Gauge | Dillon | AFG/DMLC | 05/19/05 | 11/19/05 |

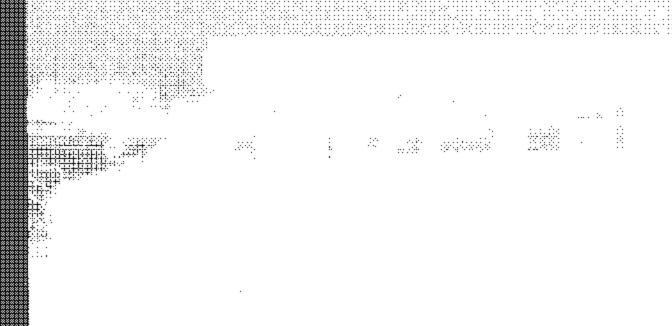
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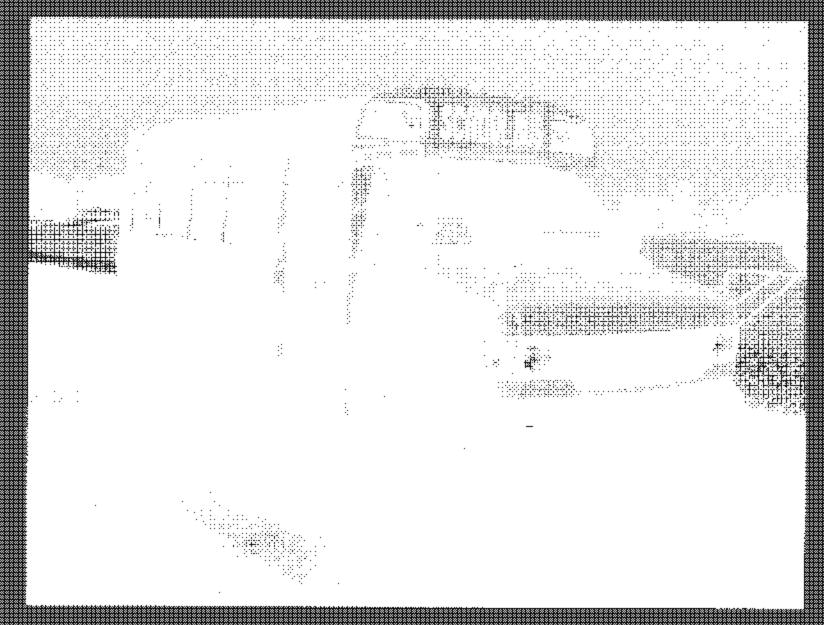
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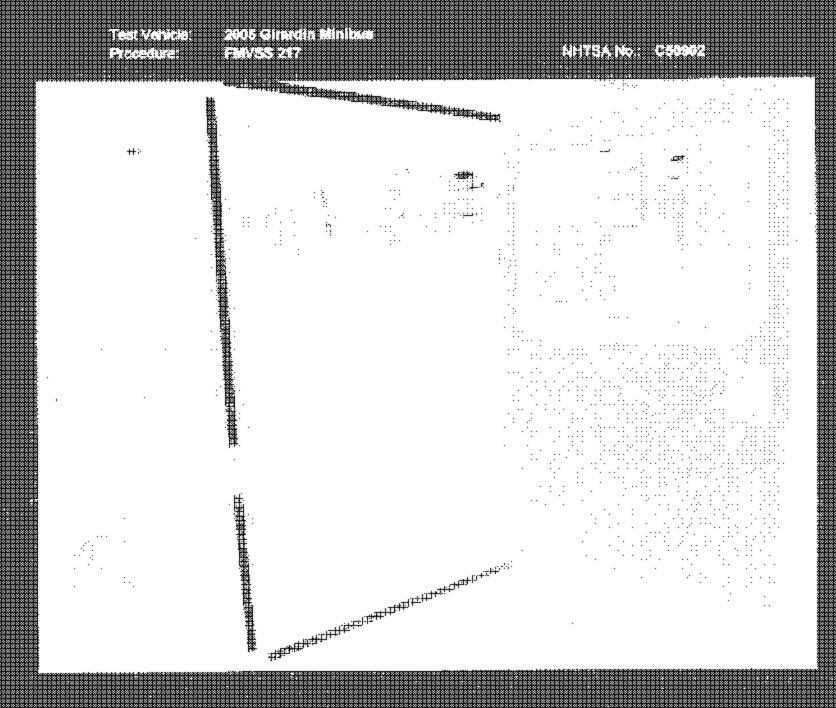




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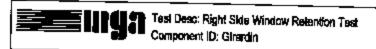
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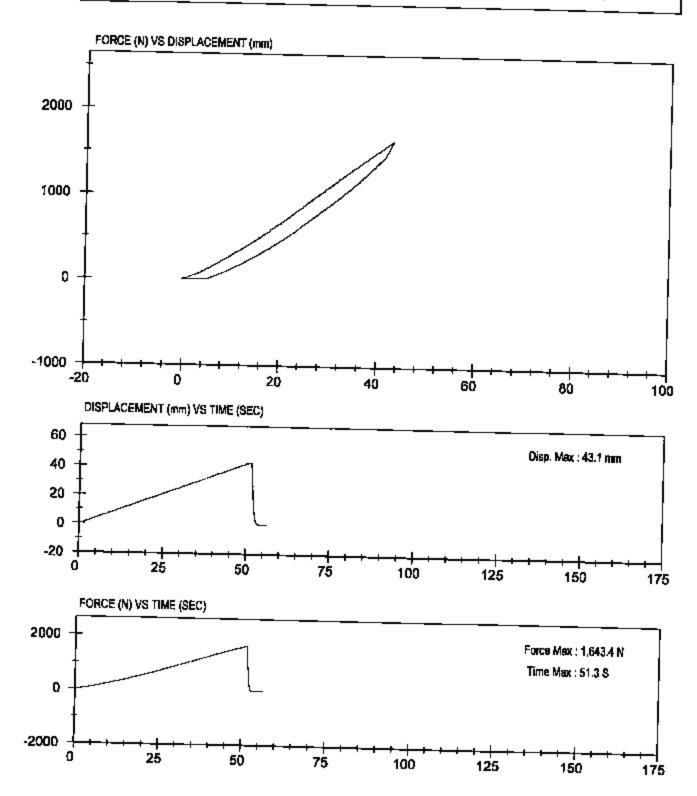


Retention Test of Right Skite Window (Post-Test)

SECTION 6 TEST PLOTS



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