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#### SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMV85 NO. 217 SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EXITS AND WINDOW RETENTION AND RELEASE

US Bus Corporation 2005 US Bus Sturdibus HD NHTSA No.: C50900

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# SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a MY2005 US Bus Sturdibus HD School Bus, NHTSA No. C50900, 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 US Bus Sturdibus HD School Bus, NHTSA No. C50900 did not 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/ US Bus/ Sturdibus	
NHTSA No.:	C50900	
GVWR:	8,845 kg 19,500 lb	
Build Date for Bus Chassis:	12/04	
VIN:	1GBE5V1255F515430	
Chassis VIN:	1GBE5V1255F515430	
Seating Capacity:	(1 Driver, 29 Passengers)	
Type of Bus:	School Bus	
Tire Pressure from tire placard (at capacity):	Front: 660 kPa	Rear: 660 kPa
Odometer Reading:	16 miles	

	PASS/FAIL
85.1 WINDOW RETENTION	FAIL
\$5.2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS	PASS
Meets minimum exit provisions	PASS
Meets all other exit requirements	PASS
Meets requirements for additional exits	PASS
86.2.3.1.A EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	PASS
85.3 EMERGENCY EXIT RELEASE	PASS
Forces to unlatch the emergency exits	PASS
Forces to open the emergency exits	PASS
\$5.4 EMERGENCY EXIT OPENING	PASS
S6.5 EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION	PASS
\$5.5 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 US Bus Sturdibus HD School Bus, NHTSA No. C50900.

# DATA SHEET 2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS

Test Lab:

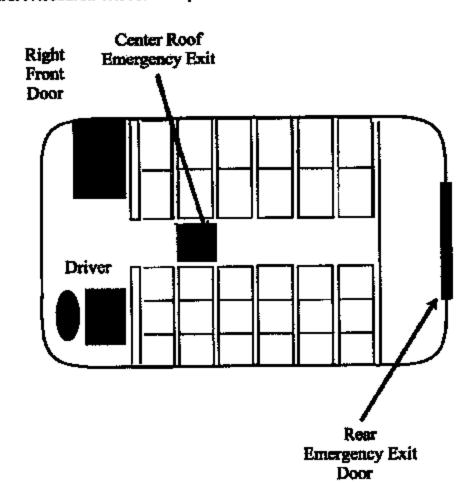
Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

05/25/05-05/26/05



		Height (cm)	Width (cm)
1	Roof Exit	56	57
2	Rear Exit Door	134	94

30 (Including Driver) Seating Capacity:

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

NONE Comments:

# 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 alde. 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	PASS
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

Recorded By: Approved By:

#### DATA SHEET 3 **EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

05/25/05- 05/26/05

		PASS/FAIL
1	The engine starting system does NOT operate if any Emergency Exit is LOCKED	N/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

COMMENTS:

Recorded By: Approved By:

#### SHEET 4A EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Lab:

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

05/25/05-05/26/05

**EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - INTERIOR** 

Exit Location	Rear Door	Roof Exit Center
Exit Description	Emergency Exit Door	Roof Hatch
Letter Height (cm)	5.0	5.0
Background Color	White	White
Location Inside	Middle of Door	On Exit Hetch
Pass/Fall	PASS	PASS

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - INTERIOR** 

Exit Location	Rear Door	Roof Exit Center
Instructions	Emergency Exit Lift Handle and Push to Open	For Emergency Exit 1) Turn, 2) Push
Letter Height (cm)	2.6	1.1
Letter Color	Red and Black	Red
Background Color	White	White
Distance From Release (cm)	12	0
Reflective Tape Color	N/A	N/A
Reflective Tape Width	N/A	N/A
Pass/Fall	PASS	PASS

COMMENTS: NONE

Recorded By: Approved By:

# DATA SHEET 4B EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: Test Lab:

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C60900

Test Date:

05/25/05- 05/26/05

**EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - EXTERIOR** 

Exit Location	Rear Door	Roof Exit Center
Exit Description	Emergency Door	Emergency Exit
Letter Height (cm)	5.0	5.0
Background Color	Yellow	White
Location Outside	Above Door	Middle of Hatch
Pass/Fail	PASS	PASS

**OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - EXTERIOR** 

Exit Location	Rear Door	Roof Exit Center
Instructions	To Open (Arrow Pointing Up)	Emergency Exit Tum Pull
Letter Height (cm)	2.6	1.1
Letter Color	Black	Black
Background Color	Yellow	White
Distance From Release (cm)	16	0
Reflective Tape Color	Yellow	Silver
Reflective Tape Width	2.6 cm	2.5
Pass/Fail	PASS	PASS

COMMENTS: NONE

Recorded By:

Approved By:

#### DATA SHEET 4 (CONTINUED) EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

08/25/05- 05/26/05

		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.	PAS8
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.	PASS
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:

Recorded By: Approved By:

# DATA SHEET 5 TAPE RELECTIVITY TEST

Test Vehicle: Test Lab:	2005 US Sturdibus HD S MGA Research-Wiscons		NHTSA No.: C50900 Test Date:							
	Color of retroreflective tape (white, red, or yellow)									
	Glass bead retroreflective element material – Fill in Part A									
	Prismatic	retroreflective	element ma	sterial Fill In	Part B					
	SPECIFIC INTENSITY P (Candela Per Foot Cand									
	Observation Angle	Entrance Angle	Min. Reqd. Intensity	Recorded Intensity	Pass/Fa	٠ الد				
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	COMMENTS: NOT TES	STED								
	Recorded By:			_						
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#### DATA SHEET 6A FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2006 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

Test Leb:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

05/25/05-05/28/05

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. 15.8 2. 15.6 3. 17.2 Average: 16.2	Straight	Pull Handle Up	PASS
Roof Exit Center	Roof Exit	High	178	1. 40.2 2. 26.8 3. 26.3 Average: 31.1	Rotary	Tum Handle 90°	PASS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Step Roof Exit Center	oof Exit   Roof Exit   High   178		178	1. 65 2. 65 3. 71.4 Average: 87.1	Straight	Push	PASS

COMMENTS: NONE

Recorded By: John Calls

Approved By:

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

Test Vehicle: 2006 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

05/25/05-05/26/05

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	xit Emergency Exit Door High		1. 44.8 2. 40.3 3. 40.9 Average: 41.9		Rotary	90° Counter Clockwise Turn	PA88
Center Roof Exit	Roof Hatch	High	178	4. 33.4 5. 26.8 6. 26.2 Average: 28.8	Rotary	90° Counter Clockwise Turn	PASS
2 <sup>nd</sup> Step Center Roof Exit	Roof Hatch	High	178	1. 73.8 2. 77.7 3. 70.9 Average: 74.1	Straight	Pull Up	PASS

COMMENTS: NONE

Recorded By: Approved By:

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

Test Vehicle:

2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

05/25/05-05/26/05

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
Roof Exit	Roof Hatch	High	178	1. 44.2 2. 45.4 3. 42.9 Average: 44.2	Straight	Push Upward	Ellipsold	PASS
Rear Door	Emergency Exit Door	High	178	1. 41.8 2. 47.6 3. 42.4 Average: 43.9	Straight	Push Outward	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	PASS

COMMENTS: NONE

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

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

Test Lab: MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.: C50900

Test Date: 05/25/05- 05/26/05

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
Roof Exit	Roof Hatch	High	178	1. 43.1 2. 43.1 3. 41.5 Average: 42.6	Straight	Pull Up	Ellipsoid	PASS
Rear Door	Exit Door	High	178	1. 44.4 2. 42.4 3. 43.6 Average: 43.5	Straight	Pull Out	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	PASS

COMMENTS: NONE

Recorded By:

Approved By:

Date: 05/26/05

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#### **DATA SHEET 8 EMERGENCY EXIT EXTENSION**

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Date:

06/25/05- 06/26/05

		PASS/FAIL
1	Exit(s) can be extended by a single person.	PASS
2	Each emergancy 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 siste 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 filp-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

Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **DATA SHEET 9** WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus

NHTSA No.:

C50900

Test Lab:

MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations

Test Date:

05/25/05- 05/28/05

1	Test Window Identification:	Left Side Window 5
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical stiding, etc.	Vertical Silding Not Emergency Exit
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	12" H x 23 ½ "W
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria:	Glazing Shattered at 2025N PASS
5	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the completion of the retention test?	N/A

COMMENTS:

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#### DATA SHEET 9 (CONTINUED) WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Lab:

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations NHTSA No.:

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Test Date:

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1	Test Window Identification:	Rear Door Top Window			
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical silding, etc.	Fixed			
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	17 %" H x 24" W			
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria:	FAIL Glazing came out of rubber gasket at 1762N			
		Unlatch	Open		
		Force	Force	Doest Call	
	Did the window pass the force tests to	Measured	Measured	Pass/Fail	
5	unlatch and open the exit after the	(N)	(N)		
	completion of the retention test?	1. 17.8	1. 56.3	PASS	
		2. 17.9	2. 44.5	PASS	
		3. 19.4	3. 54.8	PASS	

COMMENTS:

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# SECTION 4 INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Test Vehicle: 2005 US Sturdibus HD School Bus NHTSA No.: C50900

Test Lab: MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations Test Date: 05/25/05- 05/26/05

Equipment	Description	Model/Serial No.	Cal. Date	Next Cal. Date	
Head Form	MGA	217	When Used	When Used	
A/D Interface	Metrabyte	DAS-1802	_	_	
Sphere	MGA	Sphere - 1A	When Used	When Used	
Load Cell	Interface	1210AI-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	Sarty	DSC-S75		_	
Ellipsoid	MGA	ELLIP – 1A	When Used	When Used	
Parallelepiped	MGA	PARA – 1A	When Used	When Used	
Force Gauge	Dillon	AFG/DMLC	05/19/05	11/19/05	

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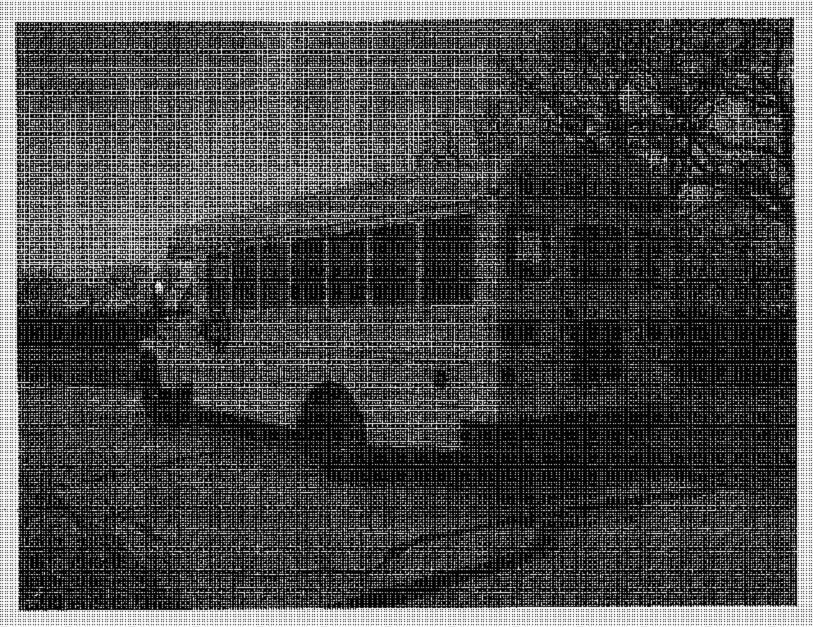
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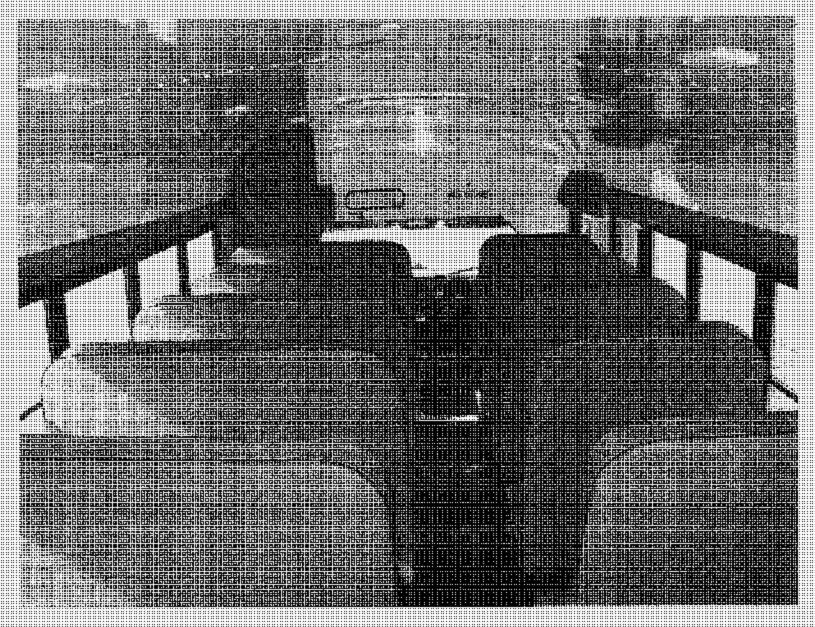
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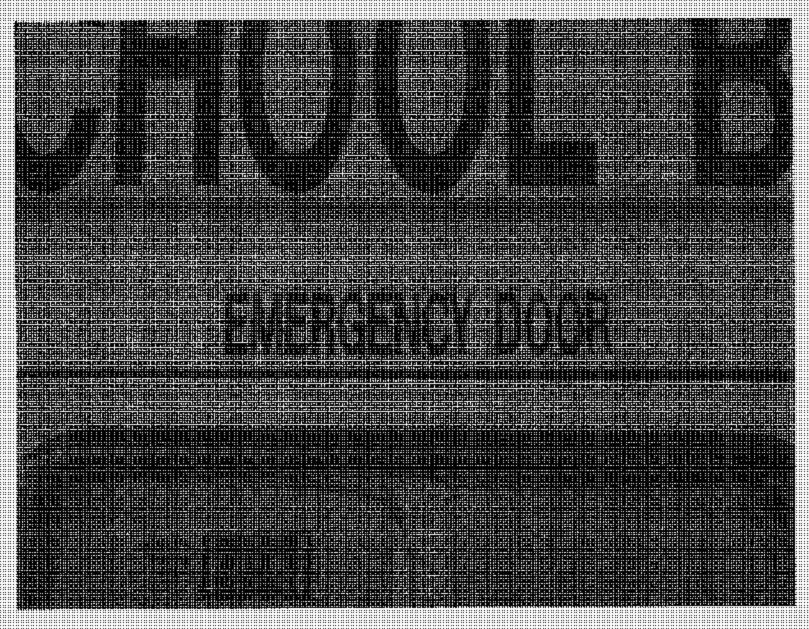
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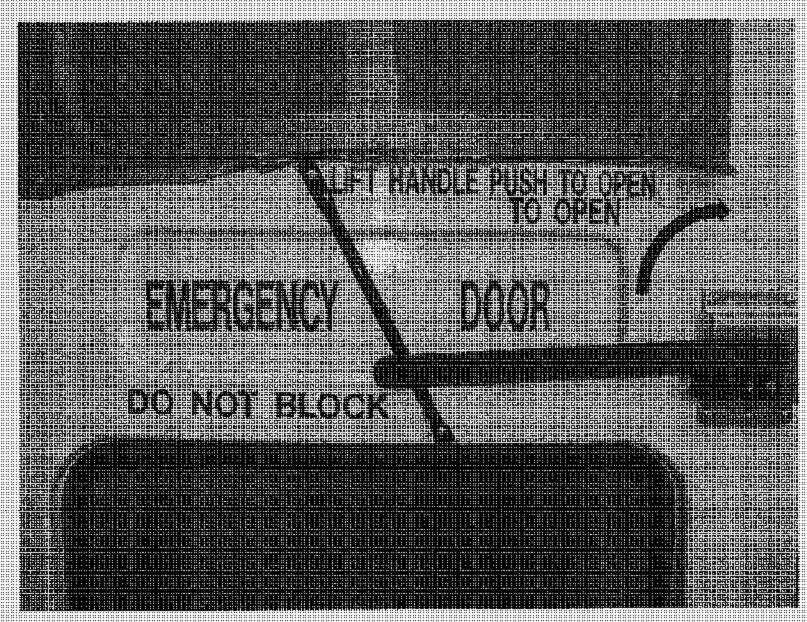
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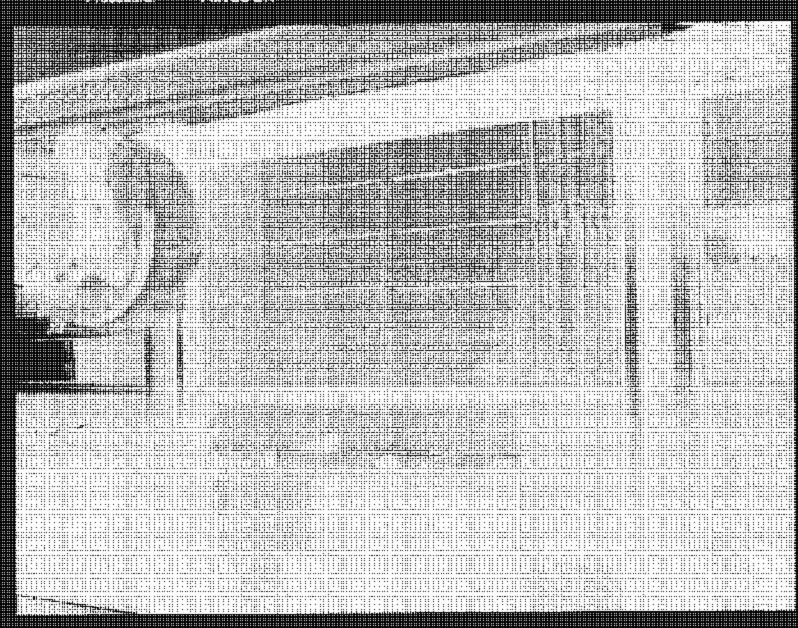
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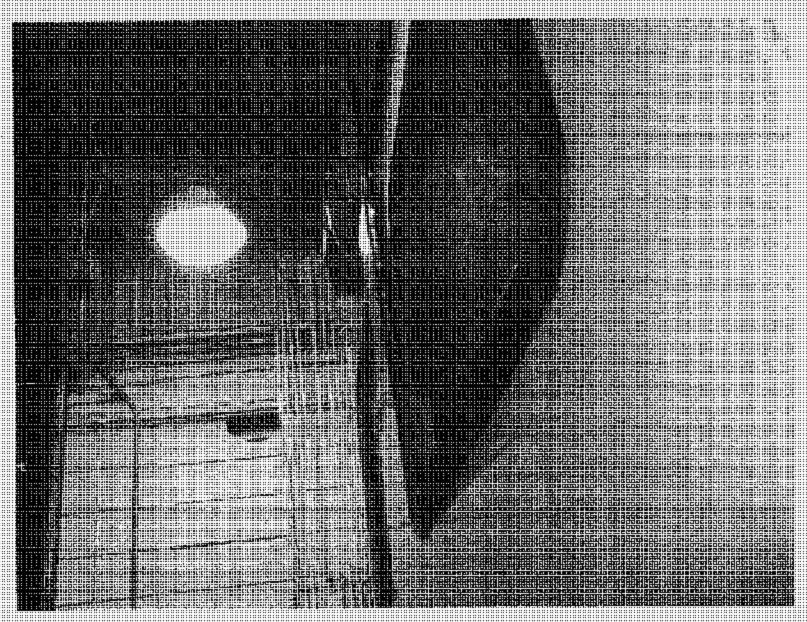
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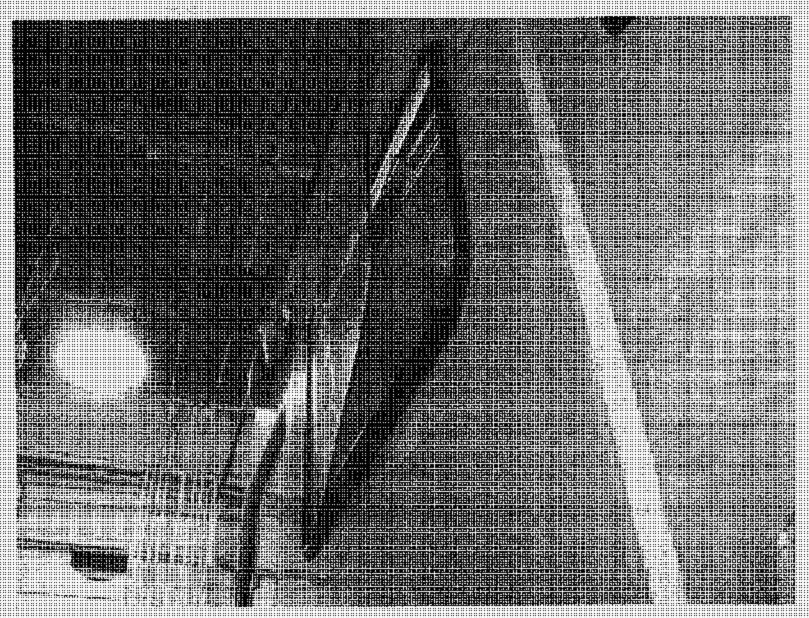
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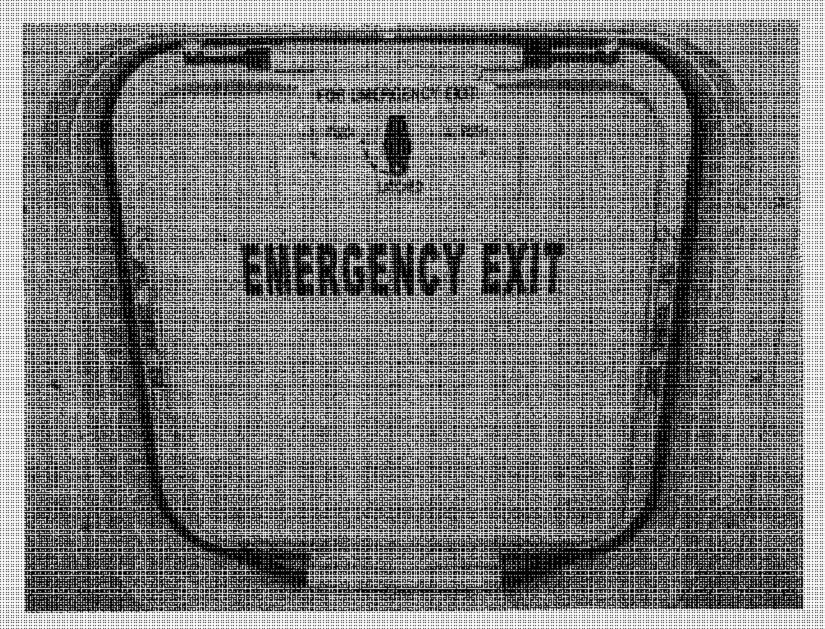


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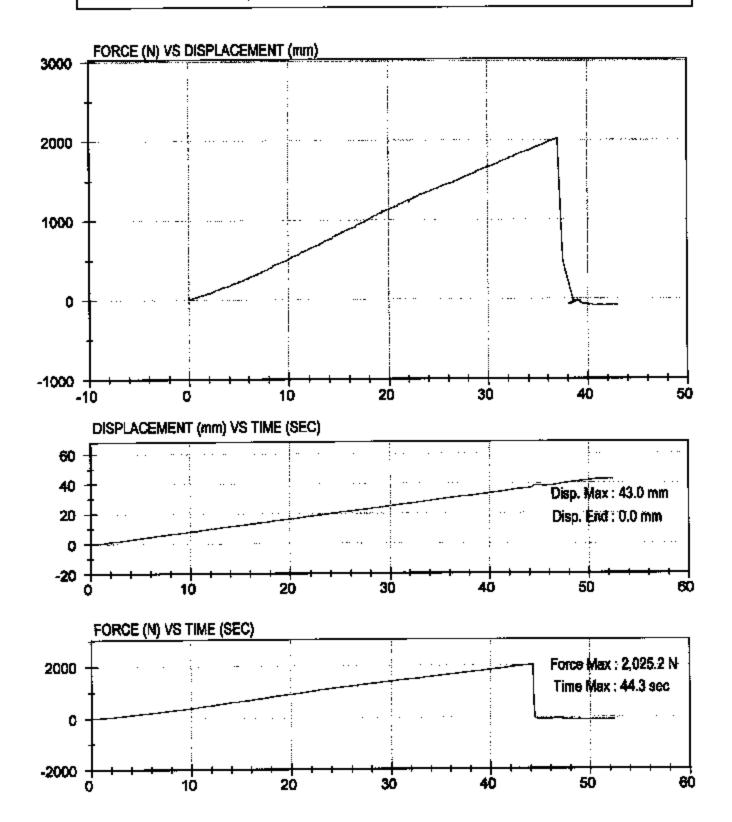
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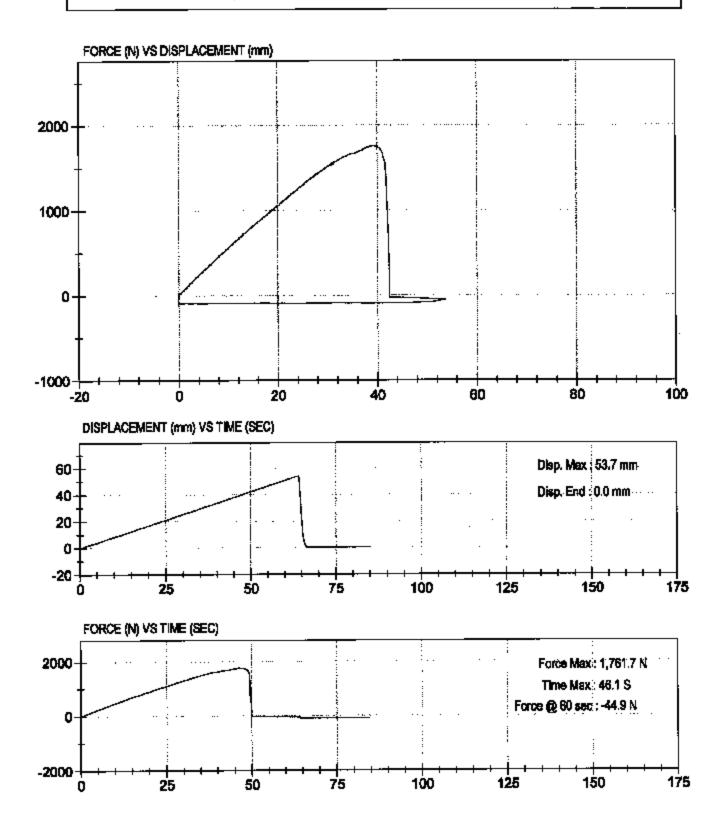
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# SECTION 7 NOTICE OF TEST FAILURE



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# LABORATORY NOTICE OF TEST FAILURE TO OVSC

Test Procedure:	FMVSS 217	Test Date:	May 26, 2005
Test Vehicle:	US Bus	Test Lab:	MGA Research Corp.
NHTSA No.:	C50900	Project Engineer:	Jim Hansen
Contract No.:	DTNH22-02-D-01057	Delivery Order No.:	2
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Bulld Date:	3/05		

#### TEST FAILURE DESCRIPTION

The upper window in the rear emergency door was not retained in place when a load was applied to the center of the glazing. The window came out of its rubber gasket at a load of 1761N of force and 43mm of displacement. The opening created was large enough to permit passing of the 4-inch sphere with less than 5 pounds force applied.

## FMVSS REQUIREMENTS DESCRIPTION

Paragraph S5.1; "Window retention. Except as provided in S5.1.2, each piece of window glazing and each surrounding window frame when tested in accordance with the procedure in S5.1.1 under the conditions of S6.1 through S6.3, shall be retained by its surrounding structure in a manner that prevents the formation of any opening large enough to admit the passage of a 4-inch diameter sphere under a force, including the weight of the sphere, of 5 pounds

Remarks: No remarks.

Notification to NHTSA (COTR): Amanda Prescott

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