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**SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR  
FMVSS NO. 131SB  
SCHOOL BUS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DEVICES**

**GIRARDIN MINIBUS, INC.  
2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS  
NHTSA NO.: C80902**

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**SECTION 1**  
**PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST**

Tests were conducted by MGA Research Corporation-Wisconsin Operations on a 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus, NHTSA No.: C80902, in accordance with the specifications of the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Test Procedures TP-131SB-01 to determine compliance to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 131, "School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices."

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**SECTION 2**  
**TEST DATA SUMMARY**

Based on the tests performed, the 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus, NHTSA No.: C80902, appears to meet all of the requirements of FMVSS 131SB. See Test Summary Data Sheets on the following pages.

**FMVSS 131SB, SCHOOL BUS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DEVICES**

**VEHICLE INFORMATION AND TEST SUMMARY**

Test Vehicle: **2008 Girardin G5 School Bus**  
 Test Lab: **MGA Research Corporation**

NHTSA No.: **C80902**  
 Test Date: **3/31/09**

VIN	1FD4E45PX8DB40217	Chassis Cab	Yes
No. of Stop Signal Arms	1	Rear Engine	No
Pass. Capacity (driver included)	19 and 1 Wheelchair	Tire Size (on bus)	LT225/75R16
Stop Signal Arm Manufacturer	Transpec		

**DATA FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL**

Final Stage Manufacturer	Girardin Minibus, Inc.	Date of Mfg.	06/08
Incomplete Vehicle Manufacturer	Ford Motor Company	Date of Mfg.	05/08
GVWR (kg)	6,373	GAWR Front (kg)	2,087
		GAWR Rear (kg)	4,309

**TEST SUMMARY**

	Pass/Fail or N/A
Dimensional Requirements (S5.1)	<b>Pass</b>
Surface Content and Labeling (S5.2)	<b>Pass</b>
Conspicuity Requirements (S5.3)	<b>Pass</b>
Location and Position Requirements (S5.4)	<b>Pass</b>
Arm Operation Requirements (S5.5)	<b>Pass</b>

Note: The 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus was only equipped with one stop signal arm.

**SECTION 3**  
**COMPLIANCE TEST DATA**

**FMVSS 131SB – DATA SHEET 1**  
**DIMENSIONS OF STOP SIGNAL ARM (S5.1)**

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“Regular octagon” with diameter of at least 450 mm (point to point).

	Forward Signal Arm (mm)
Diameter 1	492
Diameter 2	491
Diameter 3	492
Diameter 4	492
Range (max. – min.)	1

Requirements	Yes, No, N/A
Are all octagon diameter values $\geq$ 450 mm?	Yes
Is range of octagon diameter values $\leq$ 12 mm?	Yes
Are all octagon chord dimensions equal within 6 mm?	Yes

Test Results		Pass/Fail
S5.1	Dimensions of Stop Signal Arm	<b>Pass</b>

Tested By: Brian Road

Approved By: Michael Janoy

Date: March 31, 2009

**FMVSS 131SB – DATA SHEET 2**  
**SURFACE CONTENT AND LABELING (S5.2)**

Test Vehicle: **2008 Girardin G5 School Bus**  
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Requirements	Forward Signal Arm	
	Front Side	Aft Side
Color RED except for border & legend (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Color of border is WHITE (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Color of word "STOP" is WHITE (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Word "STOP" is in upper case letters (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Width of border ( $\geq 12$ mm)	15 mm	15 mm
Percent of border obscured by mounting brackets, clips, or bolts, or other components ( $\leq 15\%$ )	0%	0%
Height of letters ( $\geq 150$ mm)	156 mm	156 mm
Stroke width of letters ( $\geq 20$ mm)	27 mm	27 mm

Test Results		Pass/Fail
S5.2	Surface content and labeling	<b>Pass</b>

Tested By: Brian Roach

Approved By: Michael Janoy

Date: March 31, 2009

**FMVSS 131SB – DATA SHEET 3**

**CONSPICUITY (S5.3)**

Test Vehicle: **2008 Girardin G5 School Bus**  
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The Stop Signal Arm shall comply with either S5.3.1 or S5.3.2, or both.

**REFLECTORIZED MATERIAL (S5.3.1)**

Requirements	Forward Signal Arm	
	Front Side	Aft Side
Entire surface of stop signal arm reflectorized except for mounting brackets, clips, bolts, or other necessary components. Front side of rearmost stop signal arm must not be reflectorized. (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Percent of entire surface obscured by mounting brackets, clips, bolts or other components necessary for mechanical or electrical operation. (7.5% max. each side)	0%	0%

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**CONSPICUITY (S5.3)**

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**OPTIONAL ILLUMINATED LETTERING (S5.3.1.1)**

Item	Stop Signal Arm
Item	Forward
Does the stop sign(s) have illuminated lettering? If optional illuminated lettering is installed, the following requirements apply in addition to reflectorized surface. (Yes/No)	<b>No</b>

Requirements	Forward Signal Arm	
	Front Side	Aft Side
Only Red lamps used (Yes/No)	N/A	N/A
Red lamps form the complete shape of each letter of the legend. (Yes/No)	N/A	N/A
Red lamps centered within stroke of each letter (Yes/No) or Red lamps outline each letter in immediately surrounding area (Yes/No)	N/A	N/A
The shape of each letter remains constant (Yes/No)	N/A	N/A
Net stroke width $\geq$ 15 mm (stroke width minus lamp width)	“S”	N/A
	“T”	N/A
	“O”	N/A
	“P”	N/A
Lamps on each side of the signal arm flash (60-120 flashes/min.)	N/A	N/A
Lamps current “on” time of 30% to 75% of the total flash cycle	N/A	N/A
Total current “on” time for the two terminals shall be between 90-110% of the total flash cycle.	N/A	N/A
If Xenon short-arc lamps – “off” time before each flash of at least 50% of the total flash cycle.	N/A	N/A

**FMVSS 131SB – DATA SHEET 3...continued**

**CONSPICUITY (S5.3)**

Test Vehicle: **2008 Girardin G5 School Bus**  
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**RED FLASHING LAMPS (S5.3.2)**

Requirements	Forward Signal Arm	
	Front Side	Aft Side
Are the Red Lamps centered on the vertical centerline? (At least 2, enter quantity)	Yes - 2	Yes - 2
Is one lamp at extreme top and another at extreme bottom? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Do the lamps on each side of the signal arm flash alternately? (60-120 flashes/min.) (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Lamps current "on" time of 30% to 75% of the total flash cycle. (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Total current "on" time for two terminals shall be between 90 and 110% of the total flash cycle. (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
If Xenon short-arc lamps-"off" time before each flash of at least 50% of total flash cycle. (Yes/No)	N/A	N/A
Is there a symbol "DOT" on each lamp lens? (Yes/No) (Not Required)	Yes	Yes
Additional markings on lamp lenses	SAE-1-95	SAE-1-95

**MARKINGS ON THE FLASHER**

Make	In Power	Serial No.	0804011453
Model	SBF90	Date of Mfg.	N/A

Test Results		Pass/Fail or N/A
S5.3.1	Reflectorized Material	<b>Pass</b>
S5.3.1.1	Optional Illuminated Lettering	N/A
S5.3.2	Red Flashing Lamps	<b>Pass</b>

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Approved By: Michael Janoy

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**FMVSS 131SB – DATA SHEET 4**  
**STOP SIGNAL ARM INSTALLATION (S5.4)**

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Dimensions and angles measured with Signal Arm in the extended position.

Requirements	Stop Signal Arm
	Forward
Signal arm perpendicular to side of bus (Measure angle between vertical plane of side of bus and vertical plane of the signal arm.) $90 \pm 5^\circ$	89.4°
Top edge of signal arm parallel to horizontal plane (Measure angle between vertical plane of side of bus and the top edge of the signal arm.) $90 \pm 5^\circ$	89.8°
Top edge of signal arm not more than 152.4 mm from a horizontal plane tangent to lower edge of frame of passenger window immediately behind the driver's window:	
Measure top corner closest to the school bus to the bottom edge of the window.	29 mm
Measure top corner furthest from school bus to the bottom edge of the window.	31 mm
Vertical centerline of signal arm not less than 228.6 mm away from side of bus	388 mm
Stop signal arm(s) installed on left side of bus (Yes, No, or Not Applicable)	Yes

Test Results		Pass/Fail or N/A
S5.4	Stop Signal Arm Installation	<b>Pass</b>

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Approved By: Michael Janovic

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**FMVSS 131SB – DATA SHEET 5**  
**STOP SIGNAL ARM OPERATION (S5.5)**

Test Vehicle: **2008 Girardin G5 School Bus**  
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Stop Signal Arm(s) shall be automatically extended, at a minimum, whenever the red signal lamps on the bus required by FMVSS 108 are activated; except that a manual override device may be installed that prevents automatic extension.

Requirements	Stop Signal Arm
	Forward
Signal Arm(s) automatically extended when red lights are activated and override device is not activated. (Yes, No, or Not Applicable)	Yes
If a MANUAL OVERRIDE DEVICE is installed, enter applicable data below:	
Mechanism for activating the override device is within reach of the school bus driver (Yes/No)	N/A
While the override device is activated; there is a continuous or intermittent signal audible to the driver unless equipped with optional cut-off timing device (Measure duration $\geq$ 10 min.) (Yes/No)	N/A
If audible signal is equipped with optional cut-off timing device, it sounds for at least 60 seconds while the manual override is activated. (Measure 3 times, duration $\geq$ 60 sec.)	N/A
If audible signal is equipped with optional cut-off timing device, it automatically recycles every time the service entry door is opened while the engine is running and the manual override is engaged. (Recycle 3 times, Yes/No each cycle)	N/A

Describe location and mode of operation of the manual override control, if installed:

**No manual override device, which allowed overhead lights to flash and stop signal arm NOT to extend, was installed on this vehicle.**

Test Results		Pass/Fail or N/A
S5.5	Stop Signal Arm Operation	Pass

Tested By: Brian Road

Approved By: Michael Janoy

Date: March 31, 2009

**SECTION 4**  
**INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST**

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Identify the instruments used during this test and record their make, model, serial number, range, accuracy, and calibration date.

	Digital Caliper	Inclinometer	Tape Measure
Make	Mitutoyo	Digital Protractor	Stanley
Model	CD-6"6 GS	Pro 360	Powerlock 3M
Serial # (s)	0004174	002	556
Range	0 to 150 mm	0 to 360 degrees	0 to 8 m
Accuracy	0.01 mm	0.1 degree	1 mm
Cal. Date	01/07/09	Daily	08/19/08
Cal. Due	01/07/10	N/A	09/19/09

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3/4 Frontal View from Left Side of Vehicle with Stop Signal Arm(s) Extended

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MFD BY: GIRARDIN MINIBUS INC  
DUMFRIESVILLE, QUEBEC, CANADA, J2B 8V4



DATE OF MANUFACTURE: JUNE 2008  
BODY NUMBER: 08-24233  
INC. VEH. MFD BY: FORD 05/08  
GVWR: 14050 LB / 6373 KG  
GAWR-FRONT: 4600 LB / 2087 KG WITH LT225/75R16E  
RIMS: 16 X 6.0K AT 450 KPA / 65 PSI COLD SINGLE  
GAWR-REAR: 9500 LBS / 4309 KG WITH LT225/75R16E  
RIMS: 16 X 6.0K AT 550 KPA / 80 PSI COLD DUAL  
VIN: 1FD4E45X8DB40217  
CLASSIFICATION: SCHOOL BUS

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE

MAX. PERMITTED SEATED PASSENGERS INCL. DRIVER: 19  
MAX. PERMITTED WHEELCHAIR CAPACITY: 1

**ATTENTION DRIVER!**  
USE CROSS VIEW MIRRORS TO VIEW PEDESTRIANS WHILE BUS IS STOPPED. DO NOT USE THESE MIRRORS TO VIEW TRAFFIC WHILE BUS IS MOVING. IMAGES IN SUCH MIRRORS DO NOT ACCURATELY SHOW ANOTHER VEHICLE'S LOCATION.  
THE MARK-ETM™ CROSS VIEW MIRROR SYSTEM BY RIGGO INC., JAMAICA, NY 11435 TEL: 0718 267-2867

Vehicle Certification Label

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Manufacturer Information Label

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Front Close Up View of Stop Signal Arm

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Back Close Up View of Stop Signal Arm

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Close Up View of the Switches That Allow Extension of the Stop Signal Arm(s)

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Switch Console Relative to the Driver Seating Position

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Flasher Unit