

**STURAA TEST**

**12 YEAR**

**500,000 MILE BUS**

**from**

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**MODEL X3-45 COMMUTER**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Prevost, a division of, Volvo Group Canada, Inc. submitted a model X3-45 Commuter, diesel-powered 58 seat (including the driver) 45-foot bus, for a 12 yr/500,000 mile STURAA test. The odometer reading at the time of delivery was 9,874 miles. Testing started on May 24, 2012 and was completed on October 26, 2012. The Check-In section of the report provides a description of the bus and specifies its major components.

The primary part of the test program is the Structural Durability Test, which also provides the information for the Maintainability and Reliability results. The Structural Durability Test was started on June 18, 2012 and was completed on October 24, 2012.

The interior of the bus is configured with seating for 58 passengers including the driver. **Note:** this test bus is not designed to accommodate standing passengers. Therefore seated load weight and gross vehicle weight are the same. At 150 lbs per person, this load results in a measured gross vehicle weight of 47,110 lbs. The first segment of the Structural Durability Test was performed with the bus loaded to a GVW of 47,110 lbs. The middle seated load weight segment was performed at the same 47,110 lbs and the final segment was performed at a curb weight of 38,590 lbs. Durability driving resulted in unscheduled maintenance and failures that involved a variety of subsystems. A description of failures, and a complete and detailed listing of scheduled and unscheduled maintenance is provided in the Maintainability section of this report.

Effective January 1, 2010 the Federal Transit Administration determined that the total number of simulated passengers used for loading all test vehicles will be based on the full complement of seats and free-floor space available for standing passengers (150 lbs per passenger). The passenger loading used for dynamic testing will not be reduced in order to comply with Gross Axle Weight Ratings (GAWR's) or the Gross Vehicle Weight Ratings (GVWR's) declared by the manufacturer. Cases where the loading exceeds the GAWR and/or the GVWR will be noted accordingly. During the testing program, all test vehicles transported or operated over public roadways will be loaded to comply with the GAWR and GVWR specified by the manufacturer.

Accessibility, in general, was adequate, components covered in Section 1.3 (Repair and/or Replacement of Selected Subsystems) along with all other components encountered during testing, were found to be readily accessible and no restrictions were noted.

The Reliability section compiles failures that occurred during Structural Durability Testing. Breakdowns are classified according to subsystems. The data in this section are arranged so that those subsystems with more frequent problems are apparent. The problems are also listed by class as defined in Section 2. The test bus encountered no Class 1 or Class 2 failures. Of the 31 reported failures, 20 were Class 3 and 11 were Class 4.

The Safety Test, (a double-lane change, obstacle avoidance test) was safely performed in both right-hand and left-hand directions up to a maximum test speed of 45 mph. The performance of the bus is illustrated by a speed vs. time plot. Acceleration and gradeability test data are provided in Section 4, Performance. The average time to obtain 50 mph was 26.45 seconds. The Stopping Distance phase of the Brake Test was completed with the following results; for the Uniform High Friction Test average stopping distances were 30.04' at 20 mph, 59.77' at 30 mph, 103.70' at 40 mph and 132.94' at 45 mph. The average stopping distance for the Uniform Low Friction Test was 34.77'. There was no deviation from the test lane during the performance of the Stopping Distance phase. During the Stability phase of Brake Testing the test bus experienced no deviation from the test lane but did experience pull to the left during both approaches to the Split Friction Road surface. The Parking Brake phase was completed with the test bus maintaining the parked position for the full five minute period with no slip or roll observed in both the uphill and downhill positions.

The Shakedown Test produced a maximum final loaded deflection of 0.137 inches with a permanent set ranging between -0.004 to 0.004 inches under a distributed static load of 21,750 lbs. The Distortion Test was completed with all subsystems, doors and escape mechanisms operating properly. No water leakage was observed throughout the test. All subsystems operated properly.

The Static Towing Test was performed using a target load (towing force) of 46,308 lbs. All four front pulls were completed to the full test load with no damage or deformation observed. The Dynamic Towing Test was performed by means of a front-lift tow. The towing interface was accomplished using a hydraulic under-lift wrecker. The bus was towed without incident and no damage resulted from the test. The manufacturer does not recommend towing the bus from the rear; therefore, a rear test was not performed. The Jacking and Hoisting Tests were also performed without incident. The bus was found to be stable on the jack stands, and the minimum jacking clearance observed with a tire deflated was 5.3 inches.

A Fuel Economy Test was run on simulated central business district, arterial, and commuter courses. The results were 3.01 mpg, 3.52 mpg, and 6.85 mpg respectively; with an overall average of 3.77 mpg.

A series of Interior and Exterior Noise Tests was performed. These data are listed in Section 7.1 and 7.2 respectively.

The Emissions Test was performed. These results are available in Section 8 of this report.

## ABBREVIATIONS

ABTC	- Altoona Bus Test Center
A/C	- air conditioner
ADB	- advance design bus
ATA-MC	- The Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Association
CBD	- central business district
CW	- curb weight (bus weight including maximum fuel, oil, and coolant; but without passengers or driver)
dB(A)	- decibels with reference to 0.0002 microbar as measured on the "A" scale
DIR	- test director
DR	- bus driver
EPA	- Environmental Protection Agency
FFS	- free floor space (floor area available to standees, excluding ingress/egress areas, area under seats, area occupied by feet of seated passengers, and the vestibule area)
GVL	- gross vehicle load (150 lb for every designed passenger seating position, for the driver, and for each 1.5 sq ft of free floor space)
GVW	- gross vehicle weight (curb weight plus gross vehicle load)
GVWR	- gross vehicle weight rating
MECH	- bus mechanic
mpg	- miles per gallon
mph	- miles per hour
PM	- Preventive maintenance
PSBRTF	- Penn State Bus Research and Testing Facility
PTI	- Pennsylvania Transportation Institute
rpm	- revolutions per minute
SAE	- Society of Automotive Engineers
SCH	- test scheduler
SEC	- secretary
SLW	- seated load weight (curb weight plus 150 lb for every designed passenger seating position and for the driver)
STURAA	- Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act
TD	- test driver
TECH	- test technician
TM	- track manager
TP	- test personnel

# TEST BUS CHECK-IN

## I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this task is to log in the test bus, assign a bus number, complete the vehicle data form, and perform a safety check.

## II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test consists of assigning a bus test number to the bus, cleaning the bus, completing the vehicle data form, obtaining any special information and tools from the manufacturer, determining a testing schedule, performing an initial safety check, and performing the manufacturer's recommended preventive maintenance. The bus manufacturer must certify that the bus meets all Federal regulations.

## III. DISCUSSION

The check-in procedure is used to identify in detail the major components and configuration of the bus.

The test bus consists of a Prevost, a Division of, Volvo Group Canada, Inc., model X3-45 Commuter. The bus has a front door, forward of the front axle, and a dedicated handicap entrance centered between the axles which is equipped with a Ricon model F9TF-DE004 hydraulic handicap lift. Power is provided by a diesel-fueled, Volvo model D13H435P engine coupled to an Allison model B500 transmission.

The measured curb weight is 11,590 lbs for the front axle, 17,230 lbs for the rear axle and 9,770 lbs for the tag axle. These combined weights provide a total measured curb weight of 38,590 lbs. There are 58 seats including the driver. **Note:** this test bus is not designed to accommodate standing passengers. Therefore seated load weight and gross vehicle weight are the same. Seated and gross load is  $150 \text{ lb} \times 58 = 8,700$  lbs. At full capacity, the measured gross vehicle weight is 47,110 lbs.

# VEHICLE DATA FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Arrival Date: 5-24-12
Bus Manufacturer: Prevost	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 2PCG33493CC735102
Model Number: X3-45 Coach	Date: 5-24-12
Personnel: E.D. & E.L	

**WEIGHT:**

Individual Wheel Reactions:

Weights (lb)	Front Axle		Rear Axle		Tag Axle	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
CW	5,870	5,720	8,600	8,630	4,820	4,950
SLW	7,520	7,520	10,040	10,180	5,890	5,960
GVW	7,520	7,520	10,040	10,180	5,890	5,960

Total Weight Details:

Weight (lb)	CW	SLW	GVW	GAWR
Front Axle	11,590	15,040	15,040	16,220
Rear Axle	17,230	20,220	20,220	25,500
Tag Axle	9,770	11,850	11,850	14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,590</b>	<b>47,110</b>	<b>47,110</b>	<b>GVWR: 48,000</b>

Dimensions:

Length (ft/in)	45/5
Width (in)	102.0
Height (in)	133.0
Front Overhang (in)	72.0
Rear Overhang (in)	90.5
Wheel Base (in)	Front to Rear - 334.5    Rear to Tag – 48.0 Front to Tag (overall) – 382.5
Wheel Track (in)	Front: 84.3
	Rear: 74.9
	Tag: 81.9

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**CLEARANCES:**

Lowest Point Outside Front Axle	Location: Skid Plate      Clearance(in): 9.7
Lowest Point Outside Rear Axle	Location: Engine/Trans. cradle      Clearance(in): 7.7
Lowest Point between Axles	Location: Body Structure      Clearance(in): 11.1
Ground Clearance at the center (in)	11.1
Front Approach Angle (deg)	9.5
Rear Approach Angle (deg)	12.2
Ramp Clearance Angle (deg)	3.8
Aisle Width (in)	15.0
Inside Standing Height at Center Aisle (in)	79.4

**BODY DETAILS:**

Body Structural Type	Semi-monoque		
Frame Material	Stainless Steel & Steel		
Body Material	Stainless steel & Composite		
Floor Material	Plywood & Fiberglass		
Roof Material	Aluminum & composite		
Windows Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed	<input type="checkbox"/> Movable	
Window Mfg./Model No.	Prelco / M290058-290069 DOT 517 AS-3		
Number of Doors	<u>1</u> Front	<u>1</u> Wheelchair	
Mfr. / Model No.	Prevost / NA	Not available	
Dimension of Each Door (in)	88.9 x 25.0	66.7 x 41.9	
Passenger Seat Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cantilever	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pedestal	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	4One / Brazil Transit w/ 3pt seat belts		
Driver Seat Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	ISRI / 6832 w/3pt seat belt		
Number of Seats (including Driver)	58		



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## BODY DETAILS (Contd..)

Free Floor Space ( ft <sup>2</sup> )	43.0
Height of Each Step at Normal Position (in)	Front 1. <u>14.5</u> 2. <u>7.0</u> 3. <u>7.2</u> 4. <u>7.2</u> 5. <u>7.5</u> 6. <u>7.2</u>
	Middle 1. <u>NA</u> 2. <u>NA</u> 3. <u>NA</u> 4. <u>NA</u>
	Rear 1. <u>NA</u> 2. <u>NA</u> 3. <u>NA</u> 4. <u>NA</u>
Step Elevation Change - Kneeling (in)	4.6

## ENGINE

Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C.I.	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Fuel	
	<input type="checkbox"/> S.I.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	
Mfr. / Model No.	Volvo / D13H435P		
Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Front	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Fuel Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline	<input type="checkbox"/> CNG	<input type="checkbox"/> Methanol
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diesel	<input type="checkbox"/> LNG	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Fuel Tank Capacity (gallons)	208 gals		
Fuel Induction Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injected	<input type="checkbox"/> Carburetion	
Fuel Injector Mfr. / Model No.	Volvo / D13H435P		
Carburetor Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Fuel Pump Mfr. / Model No.	Volvo / D13H435P		
Alternator (Generator) Mfr. / Model No.	Bosh / HD10LEB		
Maximum Rated Output (Volts / Amps)	28.2 / 2 x 120		
Air Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	Wabco / 636		
Maximum Capacity (ft <sup>3</sup> / min)	16.0		
Starter Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Starter Mfr. / Model No.	Melco / 21212425		

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### TRANSMISSION

Transmission Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	
Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / B500		
Control Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Torque Converter Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / B500		
Integral Retarder Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		

### SUSPENSION

Number of Axles	3		
Front Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Spicer/584U		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Sachs / 630254		
Rear Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Arvin Meritor / RC23165NFCF24-358		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	3:58		
Suspension Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	4		
Mfr. / Model No.	Sachs / 630253		
Tag Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Prevost / NA		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Sachs / 630271		

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### WHEELS & TIRES

Front	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Accuride / 22.5 x 9.00
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Goodyear / Intercity Cruiser B315 / 80R 22.5
Rear	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Accuride / 22.5 x 9.00
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Goodyear / Intercity Cruiser B315 / 80R 22.5

### BRAKES

Front Axle Brakes Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Knorr / SB7000		
Rear Axle Brakes Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Knorr / SB7000		
Tag Axle Brakes Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Knorr / SB7000		
Retarder Type	N/A		
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		

### HVAC

Heating System Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Air	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Capacity (Btu/hr)	150,000		
Mfr. / Model No.	Prevost / NA		
Air Conditioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Location	Rear		
Capacity (Btu/hr)	108,000		
A/C Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	Carrier / 18-00091-60		

### STEERING

Steering Gear Box Type	Hydraulic Gear
Mfr. / Model No.	ZF / 8098
Steering Wheel Diameter	17.8
Number of turns (lock to lock)	6.0

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### OTHERS

Wheel Chair Ramps	Location: N/A	Type: N/A
Wheel Chair Lifts	Location: Middle	Type: Hydraulic Lift
Mfr. / Model No.	Ricon / F9TF-DE004	
Emergency Exit	Location: Doors Windows Roof Hatch	Number: 2 7 2

### CAPACITIES

Fuel Tank Capacity (gallons)	208
Engine Crankcase Capacity (gallons)	10.25
Transmission Capacity (gallons)	6.9
Differential Capacity (gallons)	5.0
Cooling System Capacity (gallons)	18.7
Power Steering Fluid Capacity (quarts)	4.0

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**List all spare parts, tools and manuals delivered with the bus.**

Part Number	Description	Qty.
1R11-243	Air Bag	4
1R12-406	Air Bag	6
550019913	Rotella T 15W-40 Engine Oil	12
	Gear oil (Valvoline)	6
	Halvoline Antifreeze	6
70337N	Nelson Air Filter	1
9093-2096	Gates Power band belt	1
	Radius Rod	3
	Belt Tensioner	2
	Pulleys	2
47178964	Haldex air drier	1
5061284	Dayco belt	1
5060110	Dayco belt	1
5060115	Dayco belt	1
	Axle seals	2
21380475	Fuel Filter	1
21707132	Oil Filter	2
20972293	Fuel Filter	1
21388479	Coolant Filter	1
	Sway Bar Bushing	8
	Rubber Bushing	10
630271	Sachs Shock Absorber	2
630253	Sachs Shock Absorber	4
630254	Sachs Shock Absorber	2
	Sway bars	4
	Tire & Rim	1

# COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM INSPECTION FORM

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Subsystem	Checked	Initials	Comments
Air Conditioning Heating and Ventilation	✓	E.D.	
Body and Sheet Metal	✓	E.D.	
Frame	✓	E.D.	
Steering	✓	E.D.	
Suspension	✓	E.D.	
Interior/Seating	✓	E.D.	
Axles	✓	E.D.	
Brakes	✓	E.D.	
Tires/Wheels	✓	E.D.	
Exhaust	✓	E.D.	
Fuel System	✓	E.D.	
Power Plant	✓	E.D.	
Accessories	✓	E.D.	
Lift System	✓	E.D.	
Interior Fasteners	✓	E.D.	
Batteries	✓	E.D.	

## CHECK - IN



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MODEL X3-45 COMMUTER**



**CHECK - IN CONT.**

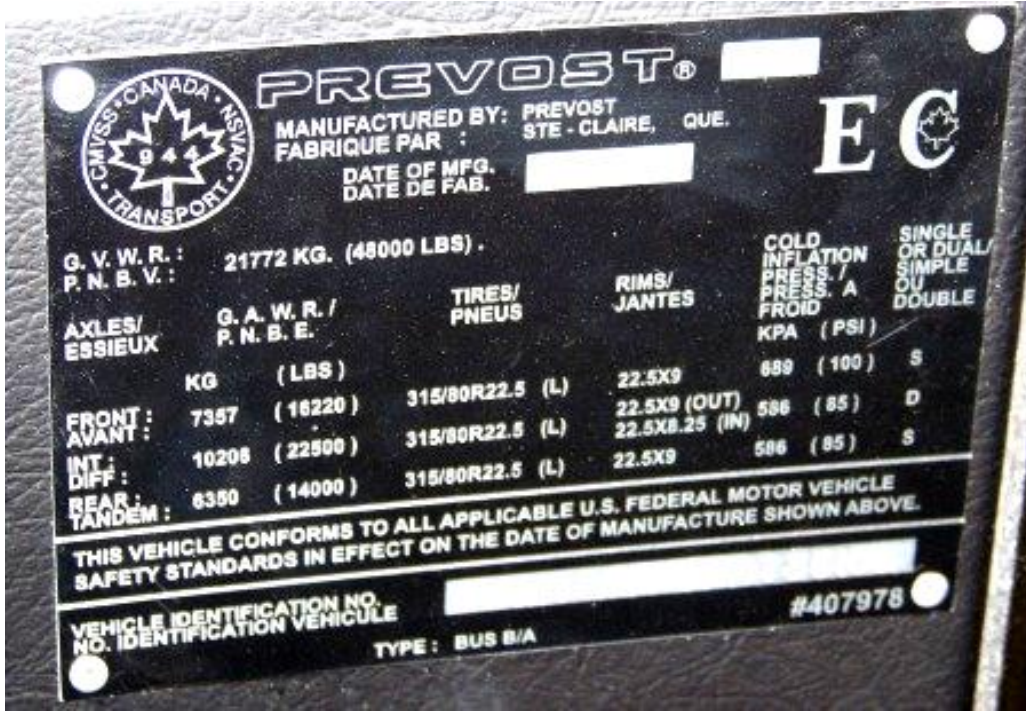


**PREVOST MODEL X3-45 COMMUTER  
EQUIPPED WITH A  
RICON MODEL F9TF-DE004 HYDRAULIC HANDICAP LIFT**





# CHECK - IN CONT.



## VIN TAG



## OPERATOR'S AREA

**CHECK - IN CONT.**



**INTERIOR FROM FRONT**



**INTERIOR FROM REAR**

## CHECK - IN CONT.



## ENGINE COMPARTMENT ACCESS



## ENGINE ACCESS UNDER

# 1. MAINTAINABILITY

## 1.1 ACCESSIBILITY OF COMPONENTS AND SUBSYSTEMS

### 1.1-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to check the accessibility of components and subsystems.

### 1.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

Accessibility of components and subsystems is checked, and where accessibility is restricted the subsystem is noted along with the reason for the restriction.

### 1.1-III. DISCUSSION

Accessibility, in general, was adequate. Components covered in Section 1.3 (repair and/or replacement of selected subsystems), along with all other components encountered during testing, were found to be readily accessible and no restrictions were noted.

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Component	Checked	Initials	Comments
<b>ENGINE :</b>			
Oil Dipstick	✓	T.S.	
Oil Filler Hole	✓	T.S.	
Oil Drain Plug	✓	T.S.	
Oil Filter	✓	T.S.	
Fuel Filter	✓	T.S.	
Air Filter	✓	T.S.	
Belts	✓	T.S.	
Coolant Level	✓	T.S.	
Coolant Filler Hole	✓	T.S.	
Coolant Drain	✓	T.S.	
Spark / Glow Plugs	✓	T.S.	
Alternator	✓	T.S.	
Diagnostic Interface Connector	✓	T.S.	
<b>TRANSMISSION :</b>			
Fluid Dip-Stick	✓	T.S.	
Filler Hole	✓	T.S.	
Drain Plug	✓	T.S.	
<b>SUSPENSION :</b>	✓	T.S.	
Bushings	✓	T.S.	
Shock Absorbers	✓	T.S.	
Air Springs	✓	T.S.	
Leveling Valves	✓	T.S.	
Grease Fittings	✓	T.S.	

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Component	Checked	Initials	Comments
<b>HVAC :</b>			
A/C Compressor	✓	T.S.	
Filters	✓	T.S.	
Fans	✓	T.S.	
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM :</b>			
Fuses	✓	T.S.	
Batteries	✓	T.S.	
Voltage regulator	✓	T.S.	
Voltage Converters	✓	T.S.	
Lighting	✓	T.S.	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS :</b>			
Brakes	✓	T.S.	
Handicap Lifts/Ramps	✓	T.S.	
Instruments	✓	T.S.	
Axles	✓	T.S.	
Exhaust	✓	T.S.	
Fuel System	✓	T.S.	
<b>OTHERS :</b>			

## **1.2 SERVICING, PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE DURING TESTING**

### **1.2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this test is to collect maintenance data about the servicing, preventive maintenance, and repair.

### **1.2.-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

The test will be conducted by operating the NBM and collecting the following data on work order forms and a driver log.

1. Unscheduled Maintenance
  - a. Bus number
  - b. Date
  - c. Mileage
  - d. Description of malfunction
  - e. Location of malfunction (e.g., in service or undergoing inspection)
  - f. Repair action and parts used
  - g. Man-hours required
  
2. Scheduled Maintenance
  - a. Bus number
  - b. Date
  - c. Mileage
  - d. Engine running time (if available)
  - e. Results of scheduled inspections
  - f. Description of malfunction (if any)
  - g. Repair action and parts used (if any)
  - h. Man-hours required

The buses will be operated in accelerated durability service. While typical items are given below, the specific service schedule will be that specified by the manufacturer.

- A. Service
  1. Fueling
  2. Consumable checks
  3. Interior cleaning
  
- B. Preventive Maintenance
  4. Brake adjustments
  5. Lubrication
  6. 3,000 mi (or equivalent) inspection

7. Oil and filter change inspection
8. Major inspection
9. Tune-up

C. Periodic Repairs

1. Brake reline
2. Transmission change
3. Engine change
4. Windshield wiper motor change
5. Stoplight bulb change
6. Towing operations
7. Hoisting operations

1.2-III. DISCUSSION

Servicing and preventive maintenance were performed at manufacturer-specified intervals. The following Scheduled Maintenance Form lists the mileage, items serviced, the service interval, and amount of time required to perform the maintenance. Table 1 is a list of the lubricating products used in servicing. Finally, the Unscheduled Maintenance List along with Unscheduled Maintenance-related photographs is included in Section 5.7, Structural Durability. This list supplies information related to failures that occurred during the durability portion of testing. The Unscheduled Maintenance List includes the date and mileage at which the malfunction occurred, a description of the malfunction and repair, and the time required to perform the repair.



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**SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**  
 Prevost Bus #1209

DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	DOWN TIME	HOURS
06-22-12	773	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
06-29-12	1,992	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
07-05-12	2,856	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
07-10-12	4,017	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
07-13-12	5,015	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
07-25-12	6,324	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
08-09-12	7,729	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
08-14-12	8,439	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00

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**SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**  
 Prevost Bus #1209

DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	DOWN TIME	HOURS
09-04-12	9,147	P.M. / Inspection Fuel Economy Prep	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed. Oil changed. Oil, fuel, and air filters changed. Transmission oil and filter changed.	8.00	8.00
09-12-12	10,120	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
09-21-12	11,899	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
10-08-12	13,288	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
10-15-12	14,526	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00

### Table 1. STANDARD LUBRICANTS

The following is a list of Texaco lubricant products used in bus testing conducted by the Penn State University Altoona Bus Testing Center:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCT CODE</u>	<u>TEXACO DESCRIPTION</u>
Engine oil	#2112	URSA Super Plus SAE 30
Transmission oil	#1866	Automatic Trans Fluid Mercon/Dexron II Multipurpose
Gear oil	#2316	Multigear Lubricant EP SAE 80W90
Wheel bearing & Chassis grease	#1935	Starplex II

## 1.3 REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF SELECTED SUBSYSTEMS

### 1.3-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to establish the time required to replace and/or repair selected subsystems.

### 1.3-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test will involve components that may be expected to fail or require replacement during the service life of the bus. In addition, any component that fails during the NBM testing is added to this list. Components to be included are:

1. Transmission
2. Alternator
3. Starter
4. Batteries
5. Windshield wiper motor

### 1.3-III. DISCUSSION

During the test, several additional components were removed for repair or replacement. Following is a list of components and total repair/replacement time.

	<u>MAN HOURS</u>
Both front & both tag axle tires.	3.0
Lower, right side radiator pivot.	2.0
Upper & lower drive axle radius rod bushings.	6.0
Front sway bar.	1.0
4 lower radius rod mounting bolts.	3.0
Retaining plate & bolt for left, rear, lower radius rod.	2.0
both front sway bar brackets.	2.0
Both lower hinges on radiator door.	4.0
1 bolt at drive axle, forward radius rod mount.	2.0

	<u>MAN HOURS</u>
Left front shock.	2.0
Hard exhaust pipe.	4.0
Diesel particulate filter.	2.0
Upper isolators on fan drive support bracket.	16.0
2 bolts for coolant pipe support bracket.	0.5
Electrical bus bar.	4.0

At the end of the test, the remaining items on the list were removed and replaced. The transmission assembly took 8.5 man-hours (two men 4.25 hrs) to remove and replace. The time required for repair/replacement of the four remaining components is given on the following Repair and/or Replacement Form.

## REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR FORM

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<b>Subsystem</b>	<b>Replacement Time</b>
Transmission	8.5 man hours
Wiper Motor	1.0 man hours
Starter	0.75 man hours
Alternator	0.75 man hours
Batteries	0.5 man hours

### **1.3 REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF SELECTED SUBSYSTEMS**



**TRANSMISSION REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT  
(8.50 MAN HOURS)**



**WIPER MOTOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT  
(1.00 MAN HOURS)**

### 1.3 REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF SELECTED SUBSYSTEMS CONT.



**STARTER REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT  
(0.75 MAN HOURS)**



**ALTERNATOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT  
(0.75 MAN HOURS)**



## 2. RELIABILITY - DOCUMENTATION OF BREAKDOWN AND REPAIR TIMES DURING TESTING

### 2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to document unscheduled breakdowns, repairs, down time, and repair time that occur during testing.

### 2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

Using the driver log and unscheduled work order forms, all significant breakdowns, repairs, man-hours to repair, and hours out of service are recorded on the Reliability Data Form.

### CLASS OF FAILURES

Classes of failures are described below:

- (a) Class 1: Physical Safety. A failure that could lead directly to passenger or driver injury and represents a severe crash situation.
- (b) Class 2: Road Call. A failure resulting in an en route interruption of revenue service. Service is discontinued until the bus is replaced or repaired at the point of failure.
- (c) Class 3: Bus Change. A failure that requires removal of the bus from service during its assignments. The bus is operable to a rendezvous point with a replacement bus.
- (d) Class 4: Bad Order. A failure that does not require removal of the bus from service during its assignments but does degrade coach operation. The failure shall be reported by driver, inspector, or hostler.

### 2-III. DISCUSSION

A listing of breakdowns and unscheduled repairs is accumulated during the Structural Durability Test. The following Reliability Data Form lists all unscheduled repairs under classes as defined above. These classifications are somewhat subjective as the test is performed on a test track with careful inspections every two hours. However, even on the road, there is considerable latitude on deciding how to handle many failures.

The Unscheduled Repair List is also attached to provide a reference for the repairs that are included in the Reliability Data Forms.

The classification of repairs according to subsystem is intended to emphasize those systems which had persistent minor or more serious problems. There were no Class 1 or 2 failures. Of the 20 Class 3 failures, 14 involved the suspension system, 2 occurred with doors/compartments, 3 to the exhaust system and 1 in the electrical system. These, and the remaining 11 Class 4 failures are available for review in the Unscheduled Maintenance List, located in Section 5.7 Structural Durability.

## RELIABILITY DATA FORMS

Bus Number : 1209	Date: 10-24-12
Personnel: Bob Reifsteck	

Failure Type			
Class 4 Bad Order	Class 3 Bus Change	Class 2 Road Call	Class 1 Physical Safety

Subsystems	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage	Man Hours	Down Time
Doors/Compartments		4,714			2.00	2.00
		9,132			4.00	119.00
		11,902			2.00	1.00
Exhaust System		11,902			4.00	2.00
		11,902			4.00	6.00
		11,902			1.00	0.50
Electrical System		14,526			4.00	24.00
	14,526				4.00	4.00
Air Conditioning	4,968				0.50	0.50
Cooling System	11,902				0.50	1.00
Engine/Transmission	11,902				16.00	120.00
Suspension		4,968			6.00	6.00
		5,848			9.00	24.00
		5,848			3.00	3.00
		6,324			2.00	8.00
		6,657			2.00	4.00

### RELIABILITY DATA FORMS

Bus Number : 1209	Date: 10-24-12
Personnel: Bob Reifsteck	

Failure Type			
Class 4 Bad Order	Class 3 Bus Change	Class 2 Road Call	Class 1 Physical Safety

Subsystems	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage	Man Hours	Down Time
Suspension (cont'd)		7,207			2.00	67.00
		7,729			2.00	8.00
		8,946			1.00	1.00
		9,149			2.00	1.00
		10,913			2.00	4.00
		12,109			2.00	4.00
		13,519			4.00	5.00
		14,526			1.00	1.00
Wheels/Tires	2,068				3.00	1.00
	4,968				2.00	2.00
	6,657				2.00	2.00
	8,439				2.00	1.00
	12,330				2.00	1.00
	13,124				1.00	5.00
	13,519				2.00	1.00

### **3. SAFETY - A DOUBLE-LANE CHANGE (OBSTACLE AVOIDANCE)**

#### **3-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this test is to determine handling and stability of the bus by measuring speed through a double lane change test.

#### **3-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

The Safety Test is a vehicle handling and stability test. The bus will be operated at SLW on a smooth and level test track. The bus will be driven through a double lane change course at increasing speed until the test is considered unsafe or a speed of 45 mph is reached. The lane change course will be set up using pylons to mark off two 12 foot center to center lanes with two 100 foot lane change areas 100 feet apart. The bus will begin in one lane, change to the other lane in a 100 foot span, travel 100 feet, and return to the original lane in another 100 foot span. This procedure will be repeated, starting first in the right-hand and then in the left-hand lane.

#### **3-III. DISCUSSION**

The double-lane change was performed in both right-hand and left-hand directions. The bus was able to safely negotiate the test course in both the right-hand and left-hand directions up to the maximum test speed of 45 mph.

## SAFETY DATA FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-24-12
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & T.M.	

Temperature (°F): 61	Humidity (%): 94
Wind Direction: Calm	Wind Speed (mph): 0
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.23	

<b>SAFETY TEST: DOUBLE LANE CHANGE</b>	
Maximum safe speed tested for double-lane change to left	45 mph
Maximum safe speed tested for double-lane change to right	45 mph
<b>Comments of the position of the bus during the lane change:</b> A safe profile was maintained through all portions of testing.	
<b>Comments of the tire/ground contact patch:</b> Tire/ground contact was maintained through all portions of testing.	

### 3. SAFETY



**RIGHT - HAND APPROACH**



**LEFT - HAND APPROACH**

## **4.0 PERFORMANCE**

### **4.1 PERFORMANCE - AN ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, AND TOP SPEED TEST**

#### **4.1-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this test is to determine the acceleration, gradeability, and top speed capabilities of the bus.

#### **4.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

In this test, the bus will be operated at SLW on the skid pad at the PSBRTF. The bus will be accelerated at full throttle from a standstill to a maximum "geared" or "safe" speed as determined by the test driver. The vehicle speed is measured using a Correvit non-contacting speed sensor. The times to reach speed between ten mile per hour increments are measured and recorded using a stopwatch with a lap timer. The time to speed data will be recorded on the Performance Data Form and later used to generate a speed vs. time plot and gradeability calculations.

#### **4.1-III. DISCUSSION**

This test consists of three runs in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions on the Test Track. Velocity versus time data is obtained for each run and results are averaged together to minimize any test variability which might be introduced by wind or other external factors. The test was performed up to a maximum speed of 50 mph. The fitted curve of velocity vs. time is attached, followed by the calculated gradeability results. The average time to obtain 50 mph was 26.45 seconds.



# PERFORMANCE DATA FORM

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Bus Number: 1209		Date: 8-24-12	
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & T.M.			
Temperature (°F): 61		Humidity (%): 94	
Wind Direction: Calm		Wind Speed (mph): Calm	
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.23			
		<b>INITIALS:</b>	
Ventilation fans-ON HIGH		✓Checked	T.S.
Heater pump motor-Off		✓Checked	T.S.
Defroster-OFF		✓ Checked	T.S.
Exterior and interior lights-ON		✓ Checked	T.S.
Windows and doors-CLOSED		✓ Checked	T.S.
<b>ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, TOP SPEED</b>			
Counter Clockwise Recorded Interval Times			
Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	3.54	3.54	3.73
20 mph	7.20	6.88	7.14
30 mph	11.98	11.10	11.26
40 mph	19.14	18.41	17.95
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	28.54	28.06	28.06
Clockwise Recorded Interval Times			
Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	3.63	3.66	3.51
20 mph	6.76	6.79	6.79
30 mph	10.73	10.60	10.51
40 mph	16.66	16.79	16.57
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	24.47	24.56	25.00

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER :PREVOST                      BUS NUMBER :1209  
 BUS MODEL                      :X3045 COMMUTER                      TEST DATE :08/24/12

TEST CONDITIONS :

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 TEMPERATURE (DEG F )                      : 61.0  
 WIND DIRECTION                              : CALM  
 WIND SPEED (MPH)                             : .0  
 HUMIDITY (%)                                 : 94  
 BAROMETRIC PRESSURE (IN. HG) : 30.2  
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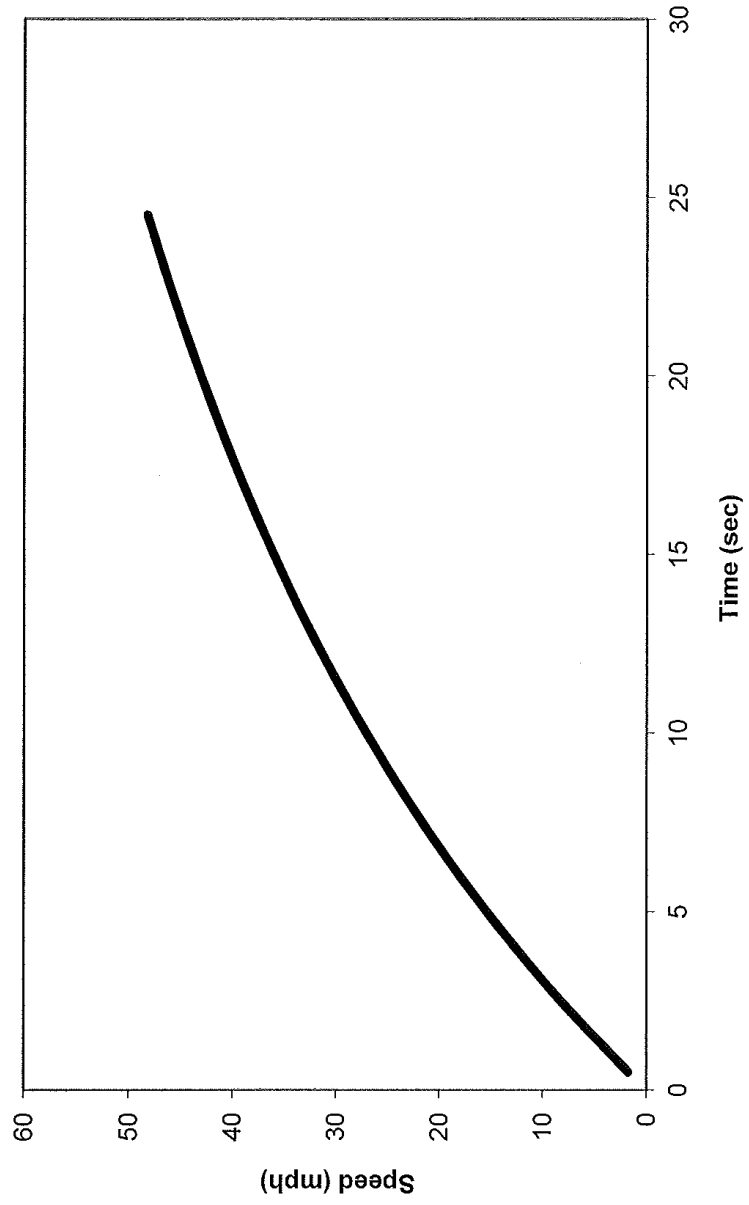
VEHICLE SPEED (MPH)	AVERAGE TIME (SEC)		TOTAL
	CCW DIRECTION	CW DIRECTION	
10.0	3.60	3.60	3.60
20.0	7.07	6.78	6.93
30.0	11.45	10.61	11.03
40.0	18.50	16.67	17.59
50.0	28.22	24.68	26.45

TEST SUMMARY :

VEHICLE SPEED (MPH)	TIME (SEC)	ACCELERATION (FT/SEC^2)	MAX. GRADE (%)
1.0	.28	5.1	16.2
5.0	1.46	4.8	15.1
10.0	3.07	4.4	13.7
15.0	4.83	3.9	12.3
20.0	6.80	3.5	11.0
25.0	9.01	3.1	9.8
30.0	11.51	2.7	8.6
35.0	14.38	2.4	7.4
40.0	17.69	2.0	6.4
45.0	21.59	1.7	5.4
50.0	26.26	1.4	4.4

NOTE : Gradeability results were calculated from performance test data. Actual sustained gradeability performance for vehicles equipped with auto transmission may be lower than the values indicated here.

Velocity vs. Time  
Prevost #1209



## 4.0 PERFORMANCE

### 4.2 Performance - Bus Braking

#### 4.2 I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to provide, for comparison purposes, braking performance data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers.

#### 4.2 II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The testing will be conducted at the PTI Test Track skid pad area. Brake tests will be conducted after completion of the GVW portion of the vehicle durability test. At this point in testing the brakes have been subjected to a large number of braking snubs and will be considered well burnished. Testing will be performed when the bus is fully loaded at its GVW. All tires on each bus must be representative of the tires on the production model vehicle

The brake testing procedure comprises three phases:

1. Stopping distance tests
  - i. Dry surface (high-friction, Skid Number within the range of 70-76)
  - ii. Wet surface (low-friction, Skid Number within the range of 30-36)
2. Stability tests
3. Parking brake test

#### **Stopping Distance Tests**

The stopping distance phase will evaluate service brake stops. All stopping distance tests on dry surface will be performed in a straight line and at the speeds of 20, 30, 40 and 45 mph. All stopping distance tests on wet surface will be performed in straight line at speed of 20 mph.

The tests will be conducted as follows:

1. **Uniform High Friction Tests:** Four maximum deceleration straight-line brake applications each at 20, 30, 40 and 45 mph, to a full stop on a uniform high-friction surface in a 3.66-m (12-ft) wide lane.
2. **Uniform Low Friction Tests:** Four maximum deceleration straight-line brake applications from 20 mph on a uniform low friction surface in a 3.66-m (12-ft) wide lane.

When performing service brake stops for both cases, the test vehicle is accelerated on the bus test lane to the speed specified in the test procedure and this speed is maintained into the skid pad area. Upon entry of the appropriate lane of the skid pad area, the vehicle's service brake is applied to stop the vehicle as quickly as

possible. The stopping distance is measured and recorded for both cases on the test data form. Stopping distance results on dry and wet surfaces will be recorded and the average of the four measured stopping distances will be considered as the measured stopping distance. Any deviation from the test lane will be recorded.

### **Stability Tests**

This test will be conducted in both directions on the test track. The test consists of four maximum deceleration, straight-line brake applications on a surface with split coefficients of friction (i.e., the wheels on one side run on high-friction SN 70-76 or more and the other side on low-friction [where the lower coefficient of friction should be less than half of the high one] at initial speed of 30 mph).

(I) The performance of the vehicle will be evaluated to determine if it is possible to keep the vehicle within a 3.66m (12 ft) wide lane, with the dividing line between the two surfaces in the lane's center. The steering wheel input angle required to keep the vehicle in the lane during the maneuver will be reported.

### **Parking Brake Test**

The parking brake phase utilizes the brake slope, which has a 20% grade. The test vehicle, at its GVW, is driven onto the brake slope and stopped. With the transmission in neutral, the parking brake is applied and the service brake is released. The test vehicle is required to remain stationary for five minutes. The parking brake test is performed with the vehicle facing uphill and downhill.

## **4.2-III. DISCUSSION**

The Stopping Distance phase of the Brake Test was completed with the following results; for the Uniform High Friction Test average stopping distances were 30.04' at 20 mph, 59.77' at 30 mph, 103.70' at 40 mph and 132.94' at 45 mph. The average stopping distance for the Uniform Low Friction Test was 34.77'. There was no deviation from the test lane during the performance of the Stopping Distance phase.

During the Stability phase of Brake Testing the test bus experienced no deviation from the test lane but did experience pull to the left during both approaches to the Split Friction Road surface.

The Parking Brake phase was completed with the test bus maintaining the parked position for the full five minute period with no slip or roll observed in both the uphill and downhill positions.

## Table 4.2-6. Braking Test Data Forms

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-23-12
Personnel: T.S., B.L. & T.M.	
Amb. Temperature (°F): 66	Wind Speed (mph): 0
Wind Direction: Calm	Pavement Temp (°F) Start: 93.7 End: 103.4

TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE (psi):				
Tire Type: Front, rear & tag; Michelin XZA 315/80R 22.5				
	Left Tire(s)		Right Tire(s)	
Front	100		100	
	Inner	Outer	Inner	Outer
Rear	85	85	85	85
Tag	N/A	85	N/A	85

AXLE LOADS (lb)		
	Left	Right
Front	7,520	7,520
Rear	10,180	10,040
Tag	5,960	5,890

FINAL INSPECTION	
Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-23-12
Personnel: T.S. & B.L.	

**Table 4.2-7. Record of All Braking System Faults/Repairs.**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Fault/Repair</b>	<b>Description</b>
8-23-12	T.S., & B.L.	None noted.	

**Table 4.2-8.1. Stopping Distance Test Results Form**

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Stopping Distance (ft)					
Vehicle Direction	CW	CW	CCW	CCW	
Speed (mph)	Stop 1	Stop 2	Stop 3	Stop 4	Average
20 (dry)	30.77	30.34	29.49	29.56	30.04
30 (dry)	59.21	60.21	59.77	59.89	59.77
40 (dry)	108.86	98.30	101.30	106.34	103.70
45 (dry)	127.91	126.17	138.46	139.22	132.94
20 (wet)	35.00	34.60	35.28	34.19	34.77

**Table 4.2-8.2. Stability Test Results Form**

Stability Test Results (Split Friction Road surface)		
Vehicle Direction	Attempt	Did test bus stay in 12' lane? (yes/no)
CW	1	Yes
	2	Yes
CCW	1	Yes
	2	Yes

**Table 4.2-8.3. Parking Brake Test Form**

PARKING BRAKE (Fully Loaded) – GRADE HOLDING						
Vehicle Direction	Attempt	Hold Time (min)	Slide (in)	Roll (in)	Did Hold	No Hold
Front up	1	5 min	0	0	X	
	2					
	3					
Front down	1	5 min	0	0	X	
	2					
	3					



## 5.1 STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

### 5.1 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS – STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN TEST

#### 5.1-I. DISCUSSION

The objective of this test is to determine certain static characteristics (e.g., bus floor deflection, permanent structural deformation, etc.) under static loading conditions.

#### 5.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In this test, the bus will be isolated from the suspension by blocking the vehicle under the suspension points. The bus will then be loaded and unloaded up to a maximum of three times with a distributed load equal to 2.5 times gross load. Gross load is 150 lb for every designed passenger seating position, for the driver, and for each 1.5 sq ft of free floor space. For a distributed load equal to 2.5 times gross load, place a 375-lb load on each seat and on every 1.5 sq ft of free floor space. The first loading and unloading sequence will “settle” the structure. Bus deflection will be measured at several locations during the loading sequences.

#### 5.1-III. DISCUSSION

This test was performed based on a maximum passenger capacity of 58 people including the driver. The resulting test load is  $(58 \times 375 \text{ lb}) = 21,750 \text{ lb}$ . The load is distributed evenly over the passenger space. Deflection data before and after each loading and unloading sequence is provided on the Structural Shakedown Data Form.

The unloaded height after each test becomes the original height for the next test. Some initial settling is expected due to undercoat compression, etc. After each loading cycle, the deflection of each reference point is determined. The bus is then unloaded and the residual (permanent) deflection is recorded. On the final test, the maximum loaded deflection was 0.137 Inches at reference point 9. The maximum permanent deflection after the final loading sequence ranged from -0.004 Inches at reference points 2, 3, 4 and 5 to 0.004 inches at reference points 6 and 7.

## STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN DATA FORM

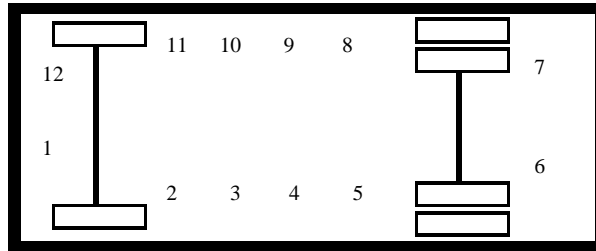
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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 6-12-12
Personnel: E.D., E.L., B.L., P.D., S.R., B.G. & J.S.	Temperature (°F): 70
Loading Sequence: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3   (check one)	
Test Load (lbs): 21,750 (58 seated)	

Indicate Approximate Location of Each Reference Point

Right

Front  
of  
Bus



Left

Top View

Reference Point No.	A (in) Original Height	B (in) Loaded Height	B-A (in) Loaded Deflection	C (in) Unloaded Height	C-A (in) Permanent Deflection
1	0	.009	.009	-.002	-.002
2	0	.085	.085	.008	.008
3	0	.127	.127	.004	.004
4	0	.157	.157	.010	.010
5	0	.139	.139	.010	.010
6	0	-.031	-.031	-.009	-.009
7	0	-.012	-.012	-.005	-.005
8	0	.134	.134	.018	.018
9	0	.352	.352	.213	.213
10	0	.131	.131	.012	.012
11	0	.068	.068	.005	.005
12	0	.009	.009	.006	.006

## STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN DATA FORM

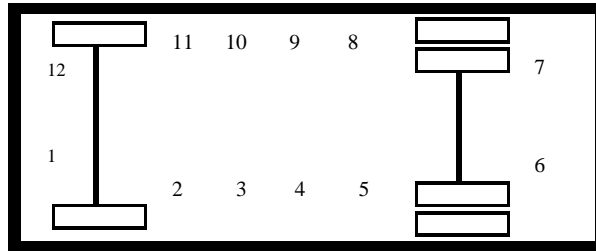
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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 6/12/12
Personnel: E.D., E.L., B.L., P.D., S.R., B.G. & J.S.	Temperature (°F): 72
Loading Sequence: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 (check one)	
Test Load (lbs): 21,750	

Indicate Approximate Location of Each Reference Point

Right

Front  
of  
Bus



Left

Top View

Reference Point No.	A (in) Original Height	B (in) Loaded Height	B-A (in) Loaded Deflection	C (in) Unloaded Height	C-A (in) Permanent Deflection
1	-.002	.008	.010	.001	.003
2	.008	.077	.069	.004	-.004
3	.004	.110	.106	.000	-.004
4	.010	.139	.129	.006	-.004
5	.010	.121	.111	.006	-.004
6	-.009	-.026	-.017	-.005	.004
7	.005	-.008	-.003	-.001	.004
8	.018	.132	.114	.016	-.002
9	.213	.350	.137	.211	-.002
10	.012	.130	.118	.011	-.001
11	.005	.069	.064	.005	.000
12	.006	.014	.008	.009	.003

## 5.1 STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN TEST



**DIAL INDICATORS IN POSITION**



**BUS LOADED TO 2.5 TIMES GVL  
(21,750 LBS)**

## 5.2 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - STRUCTURAL DISTORTION

### 5.2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to observe the operation of the bus subsystems when the bus is placed in a longitudinal twist simulating operation over a curb or through a pothole.

### 5.2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

With the bus loaded to GVWR, each wheel of the bus will be raised (one at a time) to simulate operation over a curb and the following will be inspected:

1. Body
2. Windows
3. Doors
4. Roof vents
5. Special seating
6. Undercarriage
7. Engine
8. Service doors
9. Escape hatches
10. Steering mechanism

Each wheel will then be lowered (one at a time) to simulate operation through a pothole and the same items inspected.

### 5.2-III. DISCUSSION

The test sequence was repeated ten times. The first and last test is with all wheels level. The other eight tests are with each wheel 6 inches higher and 6 inches lower than the other three wheels.

All doors, windows, escape mechanisms, engine, steering and handicapped devices operated normally throughout the test. The undercarriage and body indicated no deficiencies. No water leakage was observed during the test. The results of this test are indicated on the following data forms.

## DISTORTION TEST INSPECTION FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 6-18-12
Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
Left front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
Right front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
Right rear	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
Left rear	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
Right tag	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
Left tag	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower

	Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front Doors	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear Doors	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Escape Mechanisms/ Roof Vents	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engine	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Device/ Special Seating	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undercarriage	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Doors	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

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Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
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Right tag	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
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	Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front Doors	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear Doors	No deficiencies.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engine	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handicapped Device/ Special Seating	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undercarriage	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Doors	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
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Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body	No deficiencies.
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Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
Left front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undercarriage	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Doors	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

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Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
Left front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
Right front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
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Right tag	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
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	Comments
■ Windows	No deficiencies.
■ Front Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Rear Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Escape Mechanisms/ Roof Vents	No deficiencies.
■ Engine	No deficiencies.
■ Handicapped Device/ Special Seating	No deficiencies.
■ Undercarriage	No deficiencies.
■ Service Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Body	No deficiencies.
■ Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
■ Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

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Wheel Position : (check one)		
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	Comments
■ Windows	No deficiencies.
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■ Rear Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Escape Mechanisms/ Roof Vents	No deficiencies.
■ Engine	No deficiencies.
■ Handicapped Device/ Special Seating	No deficiencies.
■ Undercarriage	No deficiencies.
■ Service Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Body	No deficiencies.
■ Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
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	Comments
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■ Front Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Rear Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Escape Mechanisms/ Roof Vents	No deficiencies.
■ Engine	No deficiencies.
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Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
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	Comments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows	No deficiencies.
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Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
Left front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
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	Comments
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

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Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
Left front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
Right front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
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	Comments
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■ Escape Mechanisms/ Roof Vents	No deficiencies.
■ Engine	No deficiencies.
■ Handicapped Device/ Special Seating	No deficiencies.
■ Undercarriage	No deficiencies.
■ Service Doors	No deficiencies.
■ Body	No deficiencies.
■ Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
■ Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.



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Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body	No deficiencies.
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 6-18-12
Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input type="checkbox"/> after
Left front	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in higher	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 in lower
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■ Windows	No deficiencies.
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■ Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 6-18-12
Personnel: E.D., E.L., P.D. & T.G.	Temperature(°F): 64

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	<input type="checkbox"/> before	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> after
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service Doors	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Body	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

## 5.2 STRUCTURAL DISTORTION TEST



**LEFT FRONT WHEEL SIX INCHES HIGHER**



**LEFT REAR WHEEL SIX INCHES LOWER**

## **5.3 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - STATIC TOWING TEST**

### **5.3-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this test is to determine the characteristics of the bus towing mechanisms under static loading conditions.

### **5.3-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

Utilizing a load-distributing yoke, a hydraulic cylinder is used to apply a static tension load equal to 1.2 times the bus curb weight. The load will be applied to both the front and rear, if applicable, towing fixtures at an angle of 20 degrees with the longitudinal axis of the bus, first to one side then the other in the horizontal plane, and then upward and downward in the vertical plane. Any permanent deformation or damage to the tow eyes or adjoining structure will be recorded.

### **5.3-III. DISCUSSION**

The load-distributing yoke was incorporated as the interface between the Static Tow apparatus and the test bus tow hook/eyes. The test was performed to the full target test weight of 46,308 lbs (1.2 x 38,950 lbs CW). No damage or deformation was observed during all four front pulls of the test. The test bus has no type of rear tow eyes or tow hooks, therefore a rear test was not performed.

## STATIC TOWING TEST DATA FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 10-17-12
Personnel: E.D., S.R., E.L., T.G. & P.D.	Temperature (°F): 65

<b>Inspect right front tow eye and adjoining structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> No damage or deformation observed.
<b>Check the torque of all bolts attaching tow eye and surrounding structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> Torques verified.
<b>Inspect left tow eye and adjoining structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> No damage or deformation observed.
<b>Check the torque of all bolts attaching tow eye and surrounding structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> Torques verified.
<b>Inspect right rear tow eye and adjoining structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> N/A
<b>Check the torque of all bolts attaching tow eye and surrounding structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> N/A
<b>Inspect left rear tow eye and adjoining structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> N/A
<b>Check the torque of all bolts attaching tow eye and surrounding structure.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> N/A
<b>General comments of any other structure deformation or failure:</b> Test was
performed to the full target test load of 46,308 lbs. (1.2 x 38,590 lbs CW) with no
damage or deformation observed.

### 5.3 STATIC TOWING TEST



**FRONT 20° DOWN PULL**



**FRONT 20° LEFT PULL**

## 5.3 STATIC TOWING TEST CONT.



**FRONT 20° LEFT PULL**



## **5.4 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - DYNAMIC TOWING TEST**

### **5.4-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this test is to verify the integrity of the towing fixtures and determine the feasibility of towing the bus under manufacturer specified procedures.

### **5.4-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

This test requires the bus be towed at curb weight using the specified equipment and instructions provided by the manufacturer and a heavy-duty wrecker. The bus will be towed for 5 miles at a speed of 20 mph for each recommended towing configuration. After releasing the bus from the wrecker, the bus will be visually inspected for any structural damage or permanent deformation. All doors, windows and passenger escape mechanisms will be inspected for proper operation.

### **5.4-III. DISCUSSION**

The bus was towed using a heavy-duty wrecker. The towing interface was accomplished by incorporating a hydraulic under lift. A front lift tow was performed. Rear towing is not recommended. No problems, deformation, or damage was noted during testing.

## DYNAMIC TOWING TEST DATA FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 10-22-12
Personnel: T.S. & S.R	

Temperature (°F): 57	Humidity (%): 55
Wind Direction: SW	Wind Speed (mph): 6
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.18	

<b>Inspect tow equipment-bus interface.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> A safe and adequate connection was made between the tow equipment and the bus.
<b>Inspect tow equipment-wrecker interface.</b>
<b>Comments:</b> A safe and adequate connection was made between the tow equipment and the wrecker.
<b>Towing Comments:</b> A front lift tow was performed incorporating a hydraulic under lift wrecker.
<b>Description and location of any structural damage:</b> None noted.
<b>General Comments:</b> No problems with the towing interface or towing procedures were encountered.

## 5.4 DYNAMIC TOWING TEST



**TOWING INTERFACE**



**TEST BUS IN TOW**

## 5.5 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS – JACKING TEST

### 5.5-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to inspect for damage due to the deflated tire, and determine the feasibility of jacking the bus with a portable hydraulic jack to a height sufficient to replace a deflated tire.

### 5.5-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

With the bus at curb weight, the tire(s) at one corner of the bus are replaced with deflated tire(s) of the appropriate type. A portable hydraulic floor jack is then positioned in a manner and location specified by the manufacturer and used to raise the bus to a height sufficient to provide 3-in clearance between the floor and an inflated tire. The deflated tire(s) are replaced with the original tire(s) and the jack is lowered. Any structural damage or permanent deformation is recorded on the test data sheet. This procedure is repeated for each corner of the bus.

### 5.5-III. DISCUSSION

The jack used for this test has a minimum height of 8.75 inches. During the deflated portion of the test, the jacking point clearances ranged from 5.3 inches to 12.9 inches. No deformation or damage was observed during testing. A complete listing of jacking point clearances is provided in the Jacking Test Data Form.

### JACKING CLEARANCE SUMMARY

Condition	Frame Point Clearance
Front axle – one tire flat	8.8”
Rear axle – one tire flat	10.7”
Rear axle – both tires flat	8.1”
Tag axle – one tires flat	12.5”

# JACKING TEST DATA FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 6-4-12
Personnel: E.L. & E.D.	Temperature (°F): 62

Record any permanent deformation or damage to bus as well as any difficulty encountered during jacking procedure.

Deflated Tire	Jacking Pad Clearance Body/Frame (in)	Jacking Pad Clearance Axle/Suspension (in)	Comments
Right front	11.3" I 8.8" D	7.5" I 5.3" D	
Left front	11.0" I 9.3" D	7.4" I 5.8" D	
Right rear—outside	11.3" I 10.9" D	9.8" I 9.5" D	
Right rear—both	11.3" I 9.2" D	9.8" I 8.2" D	
Left rear—outside	11.4" I 10.7" D	9.9" I 9.5" D	
Left rear—both	11.4" I 8.1" D	9.9" I 7.6" D	
Right tag	13.3" I 12.9" D	11.0" I 10.6" D	
Right middle or tag—both	NA	NA	
Left tag	12.7" I 12.5" D	10.8" I 10.6" D	
Left middle or tag—both	NA	NA	

**Additional comments of any deformation or difficulty during jacking:**

None noted.

## **5.6 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - HOISTING TEST**

### **5.6-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this test is to determine possible damage or deformation caused by the jack/stands.

### **5.6-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

With the bus at curb weight, the front end of the bus is raised to a height sufficient to allow manufacturer-specified placement of jack stands under the axles or jacking pads independent of the hoist system. The bus will be checked for stability on the jack stands and for any damage to the jacking pads or bulkheads. The procedure is repeated for the rear end of the bus. The procedure is then repeated for the front and rear simultaneously.

### **5.6-III. DISCUSSION**

The test was conducted using four posts of a six-post electric lift and standard 19 inch jack stands. The bus was hoisted from the front wheel, rear wheel, and then the front and rear wheels simultaneously and placed on jack stands.

The bus easily accommodated the placement of the vehicle lifts and jack stands and the procedure was performed without any instability noted.

# HOISTING TEST DATA FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 6-4-12
Personnel: E.D. & E.L.	Temperature (°F): 62

<b>Comments of any structural damage to the jacking pads or axles while both the front wheels are supported by the jack stands:</b>
None noted.
<b>Comments of any structural damage to the jacking pads or axles while both the rear wheels are supported by the jack stands:</b>
None noted.
<b>Comments of any structural damage to the jacking pads or axles while both the front and rear wheels are supported by the jack stands:</b>
None noted.

## 5.7 STRUCTURAL DURABILITY TEST

### 5.7-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to perform an accelerated durability test that approximates up to 25 percent of the service life of the vehicle.

### 5.7-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test vehicle is driven a total of 15,000 miles; approximately 12,500 miles on the PSBRTF Durability Test Track and approximately 2,500 miscellaneous other miles. The test will be conducted with the bus operated under three different loading conditions. The first segment will consist of approximately 6,250 miles with the bus operated at GVW. The second segment will consist of approximately 2,500 miles with the bus operated at SLW. The remainder of the test, approximately 6,250 miles, will be conducted with the bus loaded to CW. If GVW exceeds the axle design weights, then the load will be adjusted to the axle design weights and the change will be recorded. All subsystems are run during these tests in their normal operating modes. All recommended manufacturers servicing is to be followed and noted on the vehicle maintainability log. Servicing items accelerated by the durability tests will be compressed by 10:1; all others will be done on a 1:1 mi/mi basis. Unscheduled breakdowns and repairs are recorded on the same log as are any unusual occurrences as noted by the driver. Once a week the test vehicle shall be washed down and thoroughly inspected for any signs of failure.

### 5.7-III. DISCUSSION

The Structural Durability Test was started on June 18, 2012 and was conducted until October 24, 2012. The first 6,250 miles were performed at a GVW of 47,110 lbs. and completed on July 31, 2012. The next 2,500 mile SLW segment was performed at the same 47,110 lbs and completed on August 17, 2012. **Note:** the test bus does not accommodate standing passengers, therefore GVW and SLW are the same 47,110 lbs. The final 6,250 mile segment was performed at a CW of 38,590 lbs and completed on October 24, 2012.

The following mileage summary presents the accumulation of miles during the Structural Durability Test. The driving schedule is included, showing the operating duty cycle. A detailed plan view of the Test Track Facility and Durability Test Track are attached for reference. Also, a durability element profile detail shows all the measurements of the different conditions. Finally, photographs illustrating some of the failures that were encountered during the Structural Durability Test are included.



## PREVOST TEST BUS #1209

## MILEAGE DRIVEN/RECORDED FROM DRIVER'S LOGS

DATE	TOTAL DURABILITY TRACK	TOTAL OTHER MILES	TOTAL
06/18/12 TO 06/24/12	805.00	84.00	889.00
06/25/12 TO 07/01/12	1257.00	58.00	1315.00
07/02/12 TO 07/08/12	845.00	134.00	979.00
07/09/12 TO 07/15/12	667.00	1318.00	1985.00
07/16/12 TO 07/22/12	759.00	35.00	794.00
07/23/12 TO 07/29/12	580.00	29.00	609.00
07/30/12 TO 08/05/12	572.00	64.00	636.00
08/06/12 TO 08/12/12	849.00	40.00	889.00
08/13/12 TO 08/19/12	938.00	46.00	984.00
08/20/12 TO 08/26/12	0.00	94.00	94.00
08/27/12 TO 09/02/12	0.00	0.00	0.00
09/03/12 TO 09/09/12	140.00	153.00	293.00
09/10/12 TO 09/16/12	1306.00	59.00	1365.00
09/17/12 TO 09/23/12	1023.00	47.00	1070.00
09/24/12 TO 09/30/12	111.00	5.00	116.00

PREVOST TEST BUS #1209

MILEAGE DRIVEN/RECORDED FROM DRIVER'S LOGS

DATE	TOTAL DURABILITY TRACK	TOTAL OTHER MILES	TOTAL
10/01/12 TO 10/07/12	1213.00	57.00	1270.00
10/08/12 TO 10/14/12	1018.00	46.00	1064.00
10/15/12 TO 10/21/12	170.00	30.00	200.00
10/22/12 TO 10/28/12	273.00	264.00	537.00
TOTAL	12526.00	2563.00	15089.00

Table 4. Driving Schedule for Bus Operation on the Durability Test Track.

STANDARD OPERATING SCHEDULE		
Monday through Friday		
	HOUR	ACTION
Shift 1	midnight	D
	1:40 am	C
	1:50 am	B
	2:00 am	D
	3:35 am	C
	3:45 am	B
	4:05 am	D
	5:40 am	C
	5:50 am	B
	6:00 am	D
	7:40 am	C
Shift 2	7:50 am	F
	8:00 am	D
	9:40 am	C
	9:50 am	B
	10:00 am	D
	11:35 am	C
	11:45 am	B
	12:05 pm	D
	1:40 pm	C
	1:50 pm	B
	2:00 pm	D
Shift 3	3:40 pm	C
	3:50 pm	F
	4:00 pm	D
	5:40 pm	C
	5:50 pm	B
	6:00 pm	D
	7:40 pm	C
	7:50 pm	B
	8:05 pm	D
	9:40 pm	C
	9:50 pm	B
10:00 pm	D	
11:40 pm	C	
11:50 pm	F	

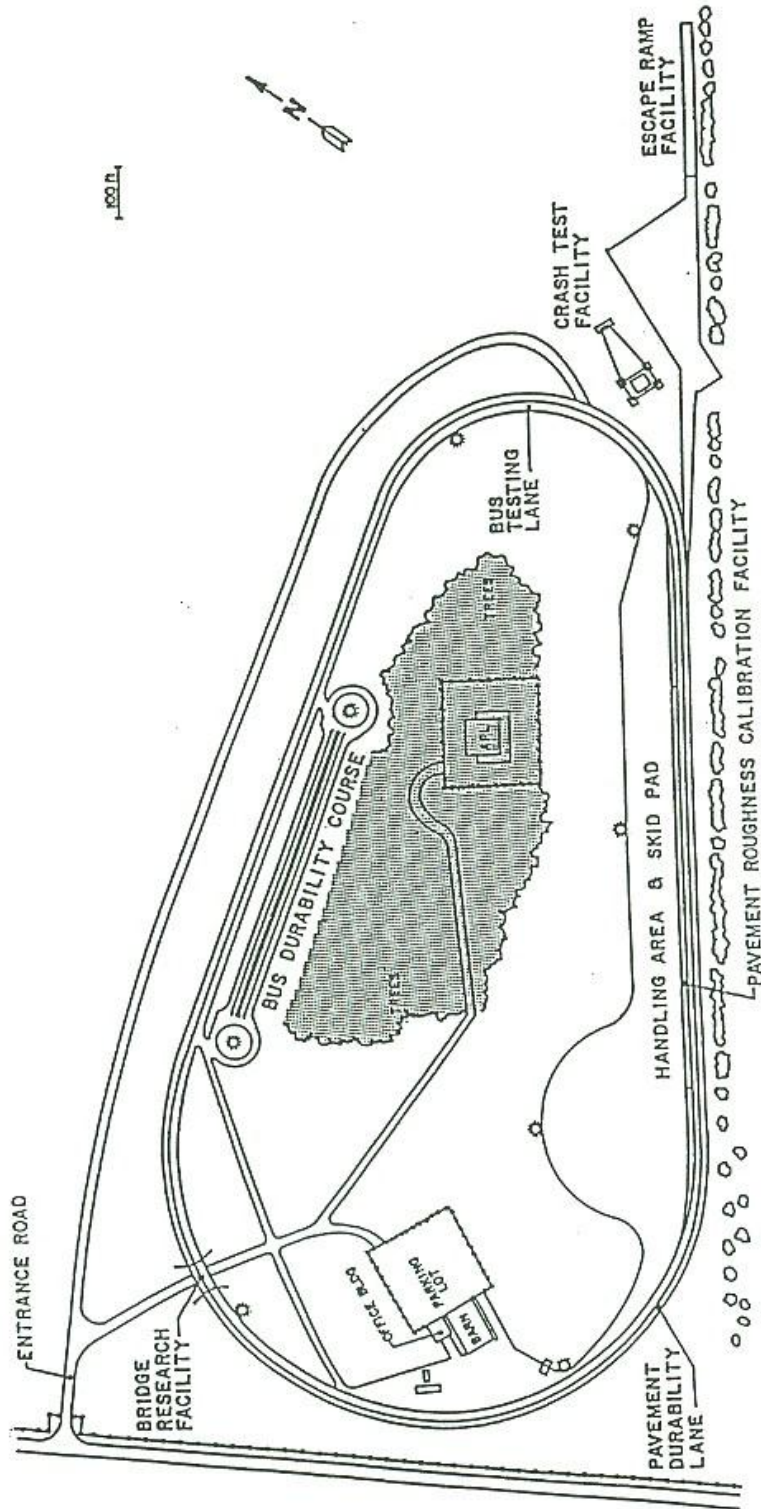
B—Break

C—Cycle all systems five times, visual inspection, driver's log entries

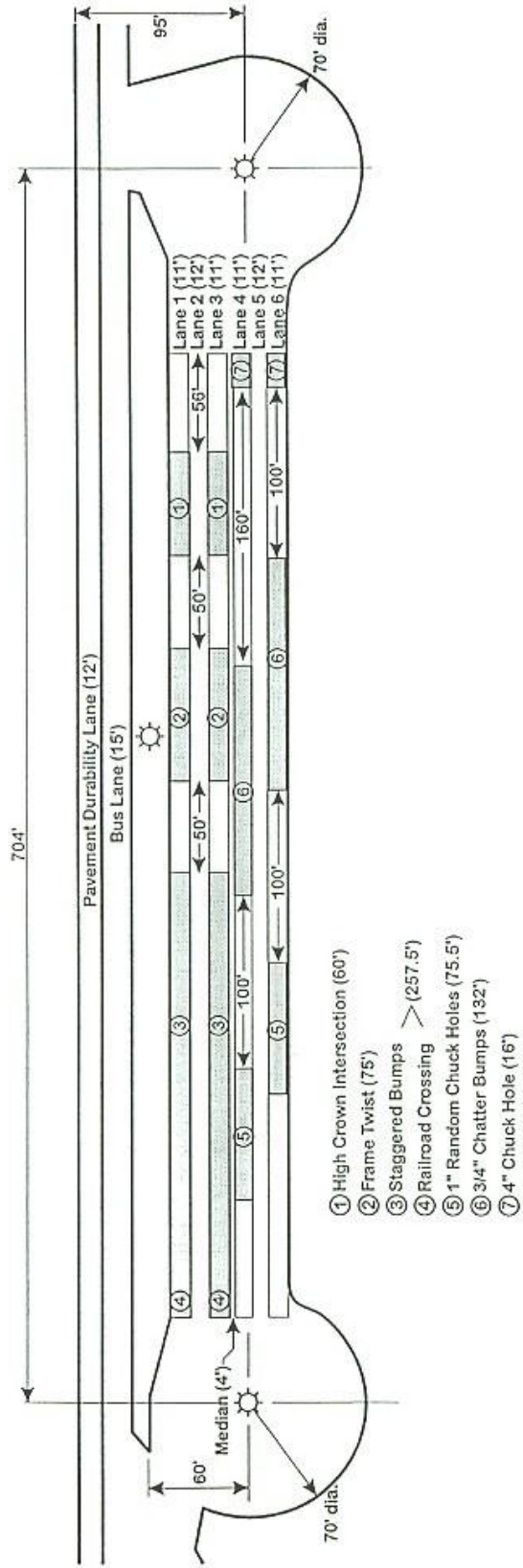
D—Drive bus as specified by procedure

F—Fuel bus, complete driver's log shift entries

# “PLAN VIEW OF PENN STATE BUS TESTING AND RESEARCH FACILITY”



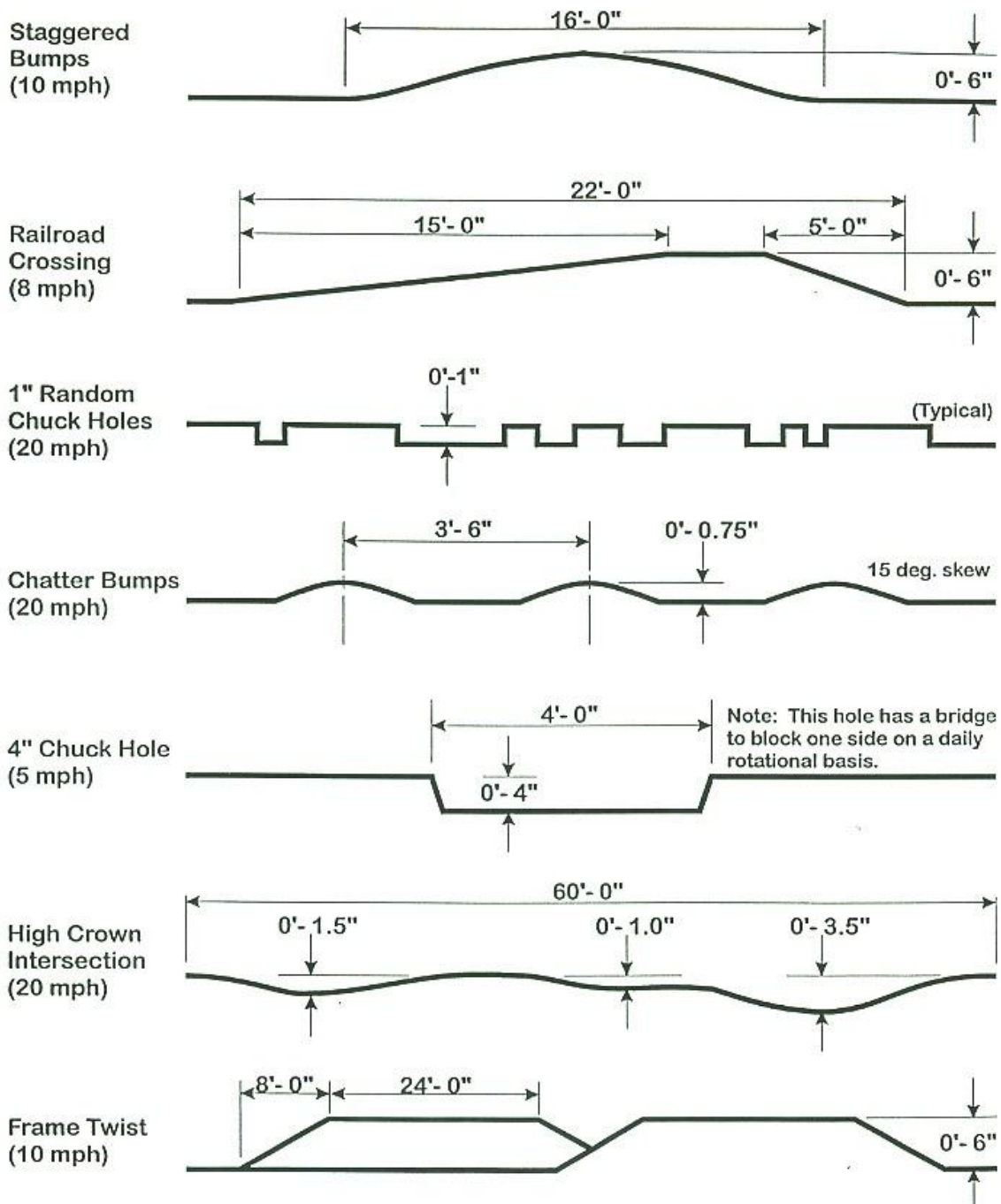
BUS TESTING AND RESEARCH TEST TRACK  
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA



Plan View

# Vehicle Durability Test Track

The Pennsylvania Transportation Institute  
Penn State



## Durability Element Profiles

The Pennsylvania Transportation Institute  
 Penn State

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**UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**  
 Prevost Bus #1209

DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	MAN HOURS	DOWN TIME
06-29-12	2,068	The left front and the left and right tag tires have excessive wear.	Replaced both front and both tag tires.	3.00	1.00
07-11-12	4,714	The lower, right side, radiator door pivot is broken.	Replaced lower, right side, radiator door pivot.	2.00	2.00
07-12-12	4,968	The upper and lower radius rod bushings at the drive axle are worn.	Replaced upper and lower drive axle radius rod bushings.	6.00	6.00
07-12-12	4,968	The front and tag axle tires are worn.	Replaced front and tag axle tires.	2.00	2.00
07-12-12	4,968	The vibration hose on the A/C compressor is rubbing on the air cleaner canister.	A/C vibration hose wrapped with rubber to prevent rubbing on air cleaner canister.	0.50	0.50
07-20-12	5,848	The front sway bar is broken at the right side radius.	Replaced front sway bar.	9.00	24.00
07-20-12	5,848	Drive axle; two bolts are broken on the lower radius rod retaining plate. One left side, one right side.	Replaced all 4 bolts.	3.00	3.00
07-25-12	6,324	One bolt is broken on the left rear lower radius rod retaining plate, structure side.	Removed retaining plate and broken bolt. Installed new retaining plate and two new bolts.	2.00	8.00

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**UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**  
 Prevost Bus #1209

DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	MAN HOURS	DOWN TIME
07-30-12	6,657	The radius rod retaining plate bolt is broken at the left rear lower rod on the suspension end.	Removed broken bolt. Replaced both bolts.	2.00	4.00
07-30-12	6,657	The left front and both tag axle tires are worn.	Replaced left front tire and both tag axle tires.	2.00	2.00
08-06-12	7,207	Both right front sway bar brackets are broken.	Replaced both right front sway bar brackets.	2.00	67.00
08-09-12	7,729	A mounting bolt is broken on the left lower radius rod at the drive axle (frame mount).	Removed broken bolt and installed new bolt.	2.00	8.00
08-14-12	8,439	The front tires are worn and the tag axle tires are bald.	Replaced front tires and rotated old front tires to the tag axle.	2.00	1.00
08-16-12	8,946	The front sway bar is broken on the left side.	Replaced front sway bar.	1.00	1.00
08-21-12	9,132	The lower hinges on the radiator access door (left side) and the air cleaner access door (right side) are broken.	Replaced lower hinges on both access doors.	4.00	119.00
08-24-12	9,149	One bolt is broken at the drive axle, forward radius rod mount.	Replaced both mount bolts.	2.00	1.00
09-17-12	10,913	The left front shock is broken at the lower bayonet stud.	Replaced left front shock.	2.00	4.00



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**UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**  
 Prevost Bus #1209

DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	MAN HOURS	DOWN TIME
09-27-12	11,902	Exhaust flex pipe is leaking and the hard pipe is broken.	Repaired hard pipe and reconnected flex pipe.	4.00	2.00
09-27-12	11,902	The diesel particulate filter mounting bracket is broken.	Repaired mounting bracket and re-installed DPF.	4.00	6.00
09-27-12	11,902	The upper isolators on the fan drive support bracket are worn.	Replaced upper isolators on the fan drive support bracket.	16.00	120.00
09-28-12	11,902	The counter weight pivot is broken on the exhaust diffuser.	Repaired counter weight pivot.	1.00	0.50
09-28-12	11,902	The coolant pipe support bracket has one missing bolt and one damaged bolt.	Replaced two bolts in the coolant pipe support bracket.	0.50	1.00
09-28-12	11,902	Radiator access door pivot is broken.	Repaired door pivot.	2.00	1.00
10-01-12	12,109	Drive axle: the upper radius rod retaining plate bolt is broken at the frame end.	Removed broken bolt, installed two new bolts.	2.00	4.00
10-02-12	12,330	The left front and both tag axle tires are bald.	Replaced both front axle tires and replaced tag with used tires.	2.00	1.00

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**UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**  
 Prevost Bus #1209

DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	MAN HOURS	DOWN TIME
10-05-12	13,124	The right tag axle tire is bald.	Replaced right tag axle tire.	1.00	0.50
10-09-12	13,519	Two bolts are broken on the upper radius rod retaining plates, one on the structure side, and one at the axle.	Replaced broken bolts.	4.00	5.00
10-09-12	13,519	The right tag axle tire is bald.	Replaced both tag axle tires.	2.00	1.00
10-16-12	14,526	The bus is showing erratic voltage on the display.	Located and temporarily repaired burnt electrical bus bar in rear electrical panel.	4.00	24.00
10-16-12	14,526	Two bolts are broken at the rear of the radius rod at the top of the drive axle.	Replaced two broken bolts.	1.00	1.00
10-17-12	14,526	Temporary repair of burnt bus bar on 10/16/12.	New bus bar arrived. Replaced burnt bus bar.	4.00	4.00
10-17-12	14,526	High particulates recorded on recent Emissions Test.	Manufacturer's Rep hooked up laptop and performed a "parked regen" due to 70% crystallization and high particulate content.	2.00	2.00

## **UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE**



**WORN UPPER & LOWER  
RADIUS ROD BUSHINGS; DRIVE AXLE  
(4,968 TEST MILES)**



**A/C LINE RUBBING ON AIR CLEANER CANNISTER  
(4,968 TEST MILES)**

**UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.**



**BROKEN FRONT SWAY BAR  
(5,848 TEST MILES)**

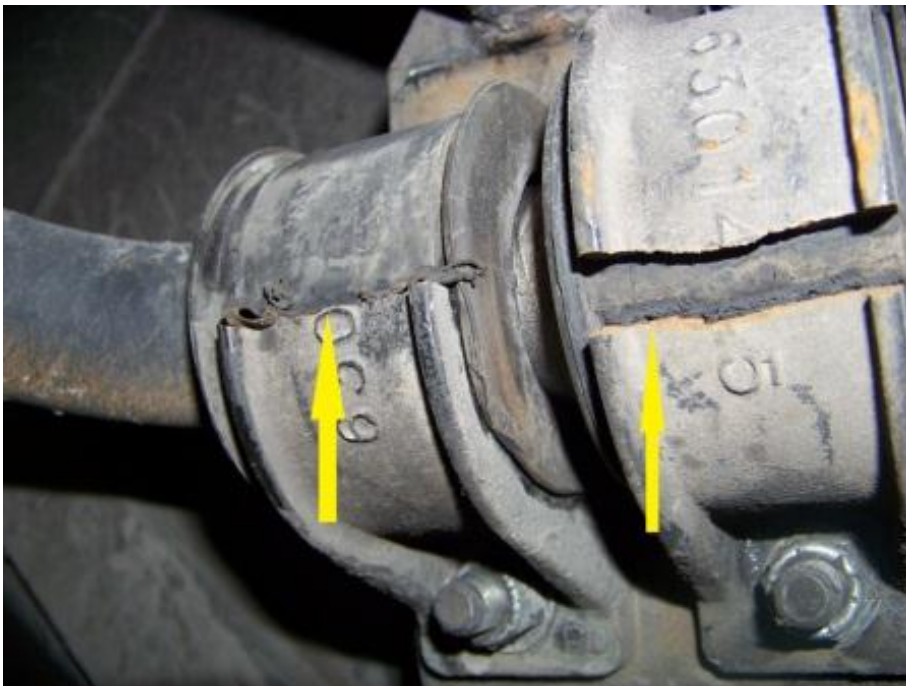


**DRIVE AXLE; BROKEN LOWER  
RADIUS ROD RETAINING PLATE BOLTS  
(5,848 TEST MILES)**

**UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.**



**BOLT BROKEN; LEFT, REAR,  
LOWER RADIUS ROD RETAINING PLATE  
(6,324 TEST MILES)**



**BROKEN RIGHT FRONT SWAY BAR BRACKET  
(7,207 TEST MILES)**

**UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.**

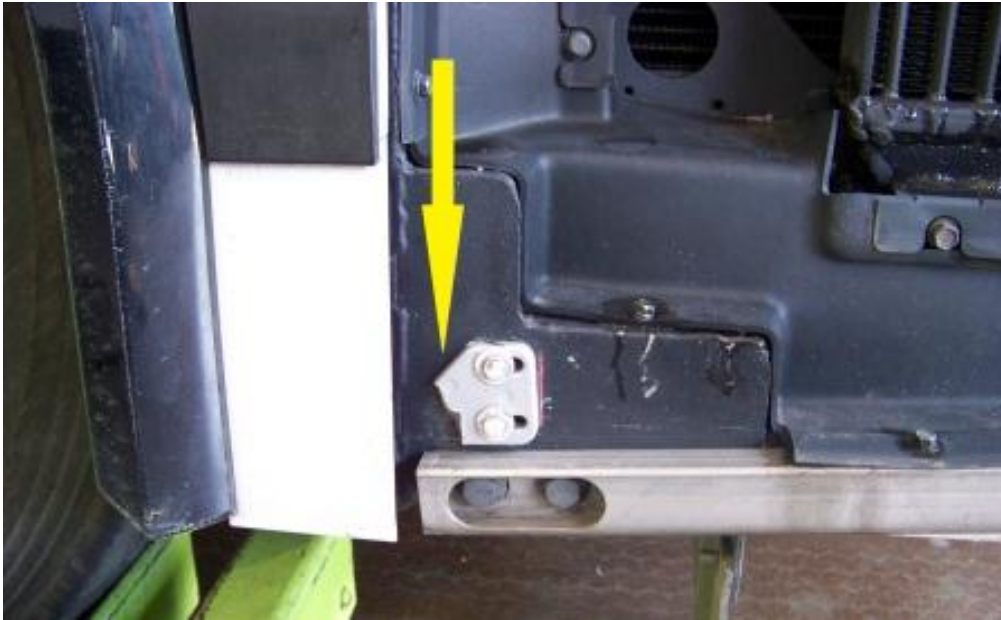


**BROKEN RETAINING PLATE BOLT: LOWER,  
LEFT RADIUS ROD DRIVE AXLE  
(7,729 TEST MILES)**



**BROKEN FRONT SWAY BAR  
(8,946 TEST MILES)**

## UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.



**BROKEN LOWER HINGE, RADIATOR ACCESS DOOR  
(9,132 TEST MILES)**



**BROKEN LEFT FRONT SHOCK  
(10,913 TEST MILES)**

## UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.



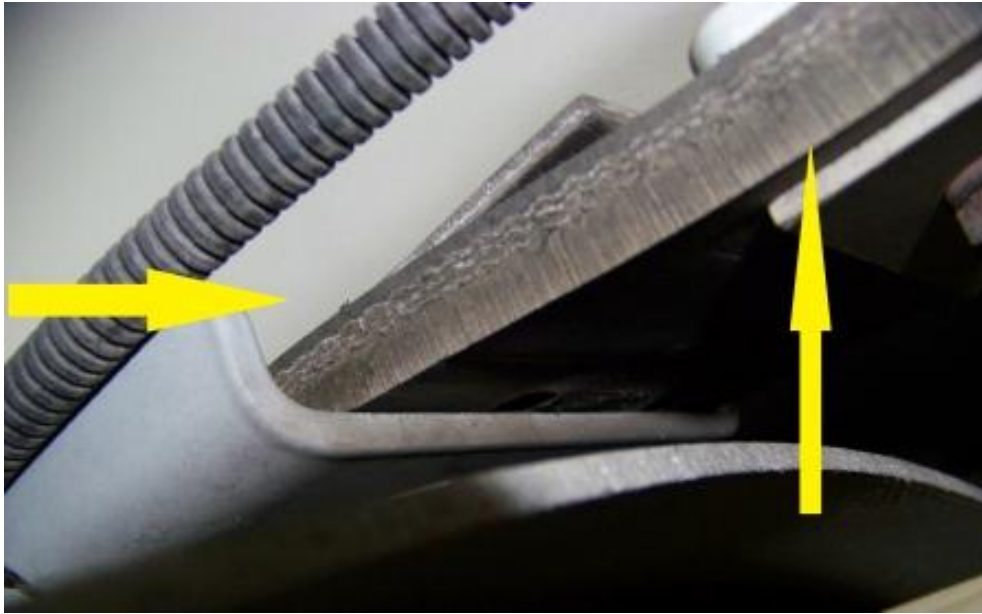
**BROKEN FLEX EXHAUST PIPE  
(11,902 TEST MILES)**



**BROKEN DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER  
MOUNTING BRACKET  
(11,902 TEST MILES)**



## UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.

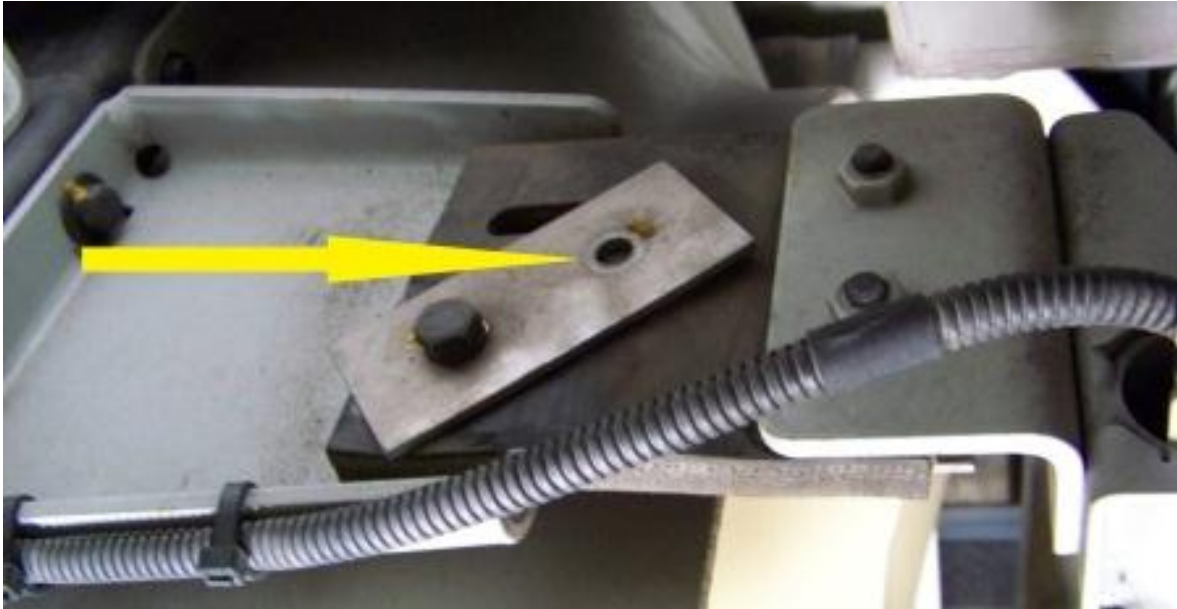


**WORN UPPER ISOLATOR ON FAN DRIVE  
SUPPORT BRACKET  
(11,902 TEST MILES)**



**BROKEN COUNTERWEIGHT PIVOT  
ON EXHAUST DIFFUSER  
(11,902 TEST MILES)**

## UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.



**MISSING BOLT; COOLANT PIPE SUPPORT BRACKET  
(11,902 TEST MILES)**



**UPPER RADIUS ROD DRIVE AXLE;  
BROKEN RETAINING PLATE BOLTS  
(12,109 TEST MILES)**

## UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.



**BURNT ELECTRICAL BUS BAR  
(14,526 TEST MILES)**

## **6. FUEL ECONOMY TEST - A FUEL CONSUMPTION TEST USING AN APPROPRIATE OPERATING CYCLE**

### **6-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this test is to provide accurate comparable fuel consumption data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers. This fuel economy test bears no relation to the calculations done by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine levels for the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program. EPA's calculations are based on tests conducted under laboratory conditions intended to simulate city and highway driving. This fuel economy test, as designated here, is a measurement of the fuel expended by a vehicle traveling a specified test loop under specified operating conditions. The results of this test will not represent actual mileage but will provide data that can be used by recipients to compare buses tested by this procedure.

### **6-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

This test requires operation of the bus over a course based on the Transit Coach Operating Duty Cycle (ADB Cycle) at seated load weight using a procedure based on the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82. The procedure has been modified by elimination of the control vehicle and by modifications as described below. The inherent uncertainty and expense of utilizing a control vehicle over the operating life of the facility is impractical.

The fuel economy test will be performed as soon as possible (weather permitting) after the completion of the GVW portion of the structural durability test. It will be conducted on the bus test lane at the Penn State Test Facility. Signs are erected at carefully measured points which delineate the test course. A test run will comprise 3 CBD phases, 2 Arterial phases, and 1 Commuter phase. An electronic fuel measuring system will indicate the amount of fuel consumed during each phase of the test. The test runs will be repeated until there are at least two runs in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions in which the fuel consumed for each run is within  $\pm 4$  percent of the average total fuel used over the 4 runs. A 20-minute idle consumption test is performed just prior to and immediately after the driven portion of the fuel economy test. The amount of fuel consumed while operating at normal/low idle is recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form. This set of four valid runs along with idle consumption data comprise a valid test.

The test procedure is the ADB cycle with the following four modifications:

1. The ADB cycle is structured as a set number of miles in a fixed time in the following order: CBD, Arterial, CBD, Arterial, CBD, and Commuter. A separate idle fuel consumption measurement is performed at the beginning and end of the fuel economy test. This phase sequence permits the reporting of fuel consumption for each of these phases separately, making the data more useful to bus manufacturers and transit properties.
2. The operating profile for testing purposes shall consist of simulated transit type service at seated load weight. The three test phases (figure 6-1) are: a central business district (CBD) phase of 2 miles with 7 stops per mile and a top speed of 20 mph; an arterial phase of 2 miles with 2 stops per mile and a top speed of 40 mph; and a commuter phase of 4 miles with 1 stop and a maximum speed of 40 mph. At each designated stop the bus will remain stationary for seven seconds. During this time, the passenger doors shall be opened and closed.
3. The individual ADB phases remain unaltered with the exception that 1 mile has been changed to 1 lap on the Penn State Test Track. One lap is equal to 5,042 feet. This change is accommodated by adjusting the cruise distance and time.
4. The acceleration profile, for practical purposes and to achieve better repeatability, has been changed to "full throttle acceleration to cruise speed".

Several changes were made to the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82:

1. Sections 1.1, and 1.2 only apply to diesel, gasoline, methanol, and any other fuel in the liquid state (excluding cryogenic fuels).

1.1 SAE 1376 July 82 requires the use of at least a 16-gal fuel tank. Such a fuel tank when full would weigh approximately 160 lb. It is judged that a 12-gal tank weighing approximately 120 lb will be sufficient for this test and much easier for the technician and test personnel to handle.

1.2 SAE 1376 July 82 mentions the use of a mechanical scale or a flowmeter system. This test procedure uses a load cell readout combination that provides an accuracy of 0.5 percent in weight and permits on-board weighing of the gravimetric tanks at the end of each phase. This modification permits the determination of a fuel economy value for each phase as well as the overall cycle.

2. Section 2.1 applies to compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), cryogenic fuels, and other fuels in the vapor state.

2.1 A laminar type flowmeter will be used to determine the fuel consumption. The pressure and temperature across the flow element will be monitored by the flow computer. The flow computer will use this data to calculate the gas flow rate. The flow computer will also display the flow rate (scfm) as well as the total fuel used (scf). The total fuel used (scf) for each phase will be recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form.

3. Use both Sections 1 and 2 for dual fuel systems.

## FUEL ECONOMY CALCULATION PROCEDURE

### **A. For diesel, gasoline, methanol and fuels in the liquid state.**

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (pounds); standard reference values-- density of water at 60EF (8.3373 lbs/gal) and volumetric heating value of standard fuel; and test fuel specific gravity (unitless) and volumetric heating value (BTU/gal). These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per gallon (mpg) which is corrected to a standard gallon of fuel referenced to water at 60EF. This eliminates fluctuations in fuel economy due to fluctuations in fuel quality. This calculation has been programmed into a computer and the data processing is performed automatically.

The fuel economy correction consists of three steps:

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of pounds of fuel consumed

phase	miles per phase	total miles per run
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$FE_{o_{mi/lb}} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lb of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per gallon [mpg] by multiplying by the specific gravity of the test fuel  $G_s$  (referred to water) at 60°F and multiply by the density of water at 60°F

$$FE_{\text{mpg}} = FE_{\text{mi/lb}} \times G_s \times G_w$$

where  $G_s$  = Specific gravity of test fuel at 60°F (referred to water)  
 $G_w$  = 8.3373 lb/gal

- 3.) Correct to a standard gallon of fuel by dividing by the volumetric heating value of the test fuel ( $H$ ) and multiplying by the volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel ( $Q$ ). Both heating values must have the same units.

$$FE_c = FE_{\text{mpg}} \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

where

$H$  = Volumetric heating value of test fuel [BTU/gal]  
 $Q$  = Volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel

Combining steps 1-3 yields

$$\implies FE_c = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lbs}} \times (G_s \times G_w) \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

- 4.) Convert the fuel economy from mpg to an energy equivalent of miles per BTU. Since the number would be extremely small in magnitude, the energy equivalent will be represented as miles/BTU $\times 10^6$ .

$E_q$  = Energy equivalent of converting mpg to mile/BTU $\times 10^6$ .

$$E_q = ((\text{mpg})/(H)) \times 10^6$$

## B. CNG, LNG, cryogenic and other fuels in the vapor state.

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (scf); density of test fuel, and volumetric heating value (BTU/lb) of test fuel at standard conditions ( $P=14.73$  psia and  $T=60^\circ\text{F}$ ). These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per lb. The energy equivalent

(mile/BTUx10<sup>6</sup>) will also be provided so that the results can be compared to buses that use other fuels.

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of standard cubic feet (scf) of fuel consumed.

phase	miles per phase	total miles per run
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$\text{FEo}_{\text{mi/scf}} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{scf of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per lb by dividing FEO by the density of the test fuel at standard conditions (Lb/ft<sup>3</sup>).

**Note: The density of test fuel must be determined at standard conditions as described above. If the density is not defined at the above standard conditions, then a correction will be needed before the fuel economy can be calculated.**

$$\text{FEo}_{\text{mi/lb}} = \text{FEo} / \text{Gm}$$

where Gm = Density of test fuel at standard conditions

- 3.) Convert the observed fuel economy (FEomi/lb) to an energy equivalent of (miles/BTUx10<sup>6</sup>) by dividing the observed fuel economy (FEomi/lb) by the heating value of the test fuel at standard conditions.

$$\text{Eq} = ((\text{FEomi/lb})/\text{H}) \times 10^6$$

where

Eq = Energy equivalent of miles/lb to mile/BTUx10<sup>6</sup>

H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel at standard conditions



### 6-III. DISCUSSION

This is a comparative test of fuel economy using diesel fuel with a heating value of 19,618 btu/lb. The driving cycle consists of Central Business District (CBD), Arterial (ART), and Commuter (COM) phases as described in 6-II. The fuel consumption for each driving cycle and for idle is measured separately. The results are corrected to a reference fuel with a volumetric heating value of 126,700.0 btu/gal.

An extensive pretest maintenance check is made including the replacement of all lubrication fluids. The details of the pretest maintenance are given in the first three Pretest Maintenance Forms. The fourth sheet shows the Pretest Inspection. The next sheet shows the correction calculation for the test fuel. The next four Fuel Economy Forms provide the data from the four test runs. Finally, the summary sheet provides the average fuel consumption. The overall average is based on total fuel and total mileage for each phase. The overall average fuel consumption values were; CBD – 3.01 mpg, ART – 3.52 mpg, and COM – 6.85 mpg. Average fuel consumption at idle was 0.95 gph.

## FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-31-12	SLW (lbs): 47,110
Personnel: T.S., S.R., P.D. & B.L.		

FUEL SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Install fuel measurement system	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Replace fuel filter	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Check for fuel leaks	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Specify fuel type (refer to fuel analysis)	Diesel		
Remarks: None noted.			
BRAKES/TIRES	OK	Date	Initials
Inspect hoses	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Inspect brakes	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Relube wheel bearings	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Check tire inflation pressures (mfg. specs.)	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Remarks: None noted.			
COOLING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check hoses and connections	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Check system for coolant leaks	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-31-12		
Personnel: T.S., S.R., P.D. & B.L.			
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS</b>	OK	Date	Initials
Check battery	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Inspect wiring	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Inspect terminals	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check lighting	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Remarks: None noted.			
<b>DRIVE SYSTEM</b>	OK	Date	Initials
Drain transmission fluid	✓	8-31-12	B.L.
Replace filter/gasket	✓	8-31-12	B.L.
Check hoses and connections	✓	8-31-12	B.L.
Replace transmission fluid	✓	8-31-12	B.L.
Check for fluid leaks	✓	8-31-12	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
<b>LUBRICATION</b>	OK	Date	Initials
Drain crankcase oil	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Replace filters	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Replace crankcase oil	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check for oil leaks	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check oil level	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Lube all chassis grease fittings	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Lube universal joints	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Replace differential lube including axles	✓	8-31-12	P.D.
Remarks: None noted.			

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-31-12		
Personnel: T.s., S.R., P.D. & B.L.			
EXHAUST/EMISSION SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check for exhaust leaks	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			
ENGINE	OK	Date	Initials
Replace air filter	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Inspect air compressor and air system	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Inspect vacuum system, if applicable	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Check and adjust all drive belts	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Check cold start assist, if applicable	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
STEERING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check power steering hoses and connectors	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Service fluid level	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Check power steering operation	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			
	OK	Date	Initials
Ballast bus to seated load weight	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
TEST DRIVE	OK	Date	Initials
Check brake operation	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Check transmission operation	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			

## FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST INSPECTION FORM

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 9-4-12
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & M.Z.	
<b>PRE WARM-UP</b>	If OK, Initial
Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form is complete	T.S.
Cold tire pressure (psi): Front <u>100</u> Drive <u>85</u> Tag <u>85</u>	T.S.
Tire wear:	T.S.
Engine oil level	M.Z.
Engine coolant level	M.Z.
Interior and exterior lights on, evaporator fan on	T.S.
Fuel economy instrumentation installed and working properly.	T.S.
Fuel line -- no leaks or kinks	T.S.
Speed measuring system installed on bus. Speed indicator installed in front of bus and accessible to TECH and Driver.	S.R.
Bus is loaded to SLW	T.S.
<b>WARM-UP</b>	If OK, Initial
Bus driven for at least one hour warm-up	T.S.
No extensive or black smoke from exhaust	T.S.
<b>POST WARM-UP</b>	If OK, Initial
Warm tire pressure (psi): Front <u>110</u> Drive <u>95</u> Tag <u>95</u>	T.S.
Environmental conditions Average wind speed <12 mph and maximum gusts <15 mph Ambient temperature between 30°F(-1C°) and 90°F(32°C) Track surface is dry Track is free of extraneous material and clear of interfering traffic	T.S.

## FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

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Bus Number: 1209		Manufacturer: Prevost		Date: 9-4-12			
Run Number: 1		Personnel: T.S., S.R. & M.Z.					
Test Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> CW or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 72		Humidity (%): 94			
SLW (lbs): 47,110		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 0 / Calm		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.00			
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish			Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:41	8:41	39.6	0	.583	.583
ART #1	0	4:00	4:00	41.1	0	.521	.521
CBD #2	0	8:40	8:40	41.1	0	.600	.600
ART #2	0	4:06	4:06	43.1	0	.516	.516
CBD #3	0	8:42	8:42	42.5	0	.600	.600
COMMUTER	0	5:57	5:57	44.3	0	.514	.514
Total Fuel = 3.334 gals							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 0.290 gals							
Heating Value = 19,618 BTU/LB							
Comments: None noted.							

## FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

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Bus Number: 1209		Manufacturer: Prevost		Date: 9-4-12			
Run Number: 2		Personnel: T.S., S.R. & M.Z.					
Test Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CW or <input type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 72		Humidity (%): 94			
SLW (lbs): 47,110		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 0 / Calm		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.00			
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish			Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:57	8:57	44.1	0	.579	.579
ART #1	0	4:05	4:05	44.3	0	.515	.515
CBD #2	0	8:46	8:46	43.2	0	.597	.597
ART #2	0	4:09	4:09	40.8	0	.502	.502
CBD #3	0	8:46	8:46	43.3	0	.597	.597
COMMUTER	0	5:59	5:59	44.9	0	.509	.509
Total Fuel = 3,299 gals							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A gals							
Heating Value = 19,618 BTU/LB							
Remarks/comments/recommended changes: None noted.							

### FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

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Bus Number: 1209		Manufacturer: Prevost		Date: 9-4-12			
Run Number: 3		Personnel: T.S., S.R. & M.Z.					
Test Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> CW or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 75		Humidity (%): 83			
SLW (lbs): 47,110		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 5/S		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.98			
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish			Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:55	8:55	40.2	0	.565	.565
ART #1	0	4:03	4:03	43.4	0	.486	.486
CBD #2	0	8:43	8:43	42.7	0	.606	.606
ART #2	0	4:09	4:09	45.4	0	.492	.492
CBD #3	0	8:46	8:46	44.3	0	.595	.595
COMMUTER	0	5:59	5:59	46.4	0	.514	.514
Total Fuel = 3.258 gals							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A gals							
Heating Value = 19,618 BTU/LB							
Remarks/comments/recommended changes: None noted.							



### FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

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Bus Number: 1209		Manufacturer: Prevost		Date: 9-4-12			
Run Number: 4		Personnel: T.S., S.R. & M.Z.					
Test Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CW or <input type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 77		Humidity (%): 74			
SLW (lbs): 47,110		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 5 / SSW Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.93					
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish			Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:53	8:53	45.6	0	.570	.570
ART #1	0	4:07	4:07	44.6	0	.498	.498
CBD #2	0	8:41	8:41	44.6	0	.593	.593
ART #2	0	4:01	4:01	46.7	0	.505	.505
CBD #3	0	8:47	8:47	45.3	0	.594	.594
COMMUTER	0	6:00	6:00	46.6	0	.539	.539
Total Fuel = 3.299 gals							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 0.300 gals							
Heating Value = 19,618 BTU/LB							
Remarks/comments/recommended changes:							

FUEL ECONOMY SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER : **Prevost** BUS NUMBER : **1209**  
 BUS MODEL : **X3-45 Commuter** TEST DATE: **09/04/12**

FUEL TYPE : DIESEL  
 SP. GRAVITY : .8400  
 HEATING VALUE : 19618.00 BTU/Lb  
 FUEL TEMPERATURE : 43.70 deg F  
 Standard Conditions : 60 deg F and 14.7 psi  
 Density of Water : 8.3373 lb/gallon at 60 deg F

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 CYCLE TOTAL FUEL TOTAL MILES FUEL ECONOMY FUEL ECONOMY  
 USED (GAL) MPG (Measured) MPG (Corrected)  
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Run # :1, CCW  
 CBD 1.783 5.73 3.214 2.99  
 ART 1.037 3.82 3.684 3.42  
 COM .514 3.82 7.432 6.91  
 TOTAL 3.334 13.37 4.010 3.73

Run # :2, CW  
 CBD 1.773 5.73 3.232 3.00  
 ART 1.017 3.82 3.756 3.49  
 COM .509 3.82 7.505 6.98  
 TOTAL 3.299 13.37 4.053 3.77

Run # :3, CCW  
 CBD 1.766 5.73 3.245 3.02  
 ART .978 3.82 3.906 3.63  
 COM .514 3.82 7.432 6.91  
 TOTAL 3.258 13.37 4.104 3.82

Run # :4, CW  
 CBD 1.757 5.73 3.261 3.03  
 ART 1.003 3.82 3.809 3.54  
 COM .539 3.82 7.087 6.59  
 TOTAL 3.299 13.37 4.053 3.77

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 IDLE CONSUMPTION (MEASURED)  
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First 20 Minutes Data: .29GAL Last 20 Minutes Data: .30GAL  
 Average Idle Consumption: .88GAL/Hr RUN CONSISTENCY: %  
 Difference from overall average of total fuel used:  
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Run 1: -1.1 Run 2: .0 Run 3: 1.2 Run 4: .0

SUMMARY (CORRECTED VALUES)  
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Average Idle Consumption : .95 G/Hr  
 Average CBD Phase Consumption : 3.01 MPG  
 Average Arterial Phase Consumption : 3.52 MPG  
 Average Commuter Phase Consumption : 6.85 MPG  
 Overall Average Fuel Consumption : 3.77 MPG  
 Overall Average Fuel Consumption : 27.44 Miles/ Million BTU

## 7. NOISE

### 7.1 INTERIOR NOISE AND VIBRATION TESTS

#### 7.1-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of these tests is to measure and record interior noise levels and check for audible vibration under various operating conditions.

#### 7.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

During this series of tests, the interior noise level will be measured at several locations with the bus operating under the following three conditions:

1. With the bus stationary, a white noise generating system shall provide a uniform sound pressure level equal to 80 dB(A) on the left, exterior side of the bus. The engine and all accessories will be switched off and all openings including doors and windows will be closed. This test will be performed at the ABTC.
2. The bus accelerating at full throttle from a standing start to 35 mph on a level pavement. All openings will be closed and all accessories will be operating during the test. This test will be performed on the track at the Test Track Facility.
3. The bus will be operated at various speeds from 0 to 55 mph with and without the air conditioning and accessories on. Any audible vibration or rattles will be noted. This test will be performed on the test segment between the Test Track and the Bus Testing Center.

All tests will be performed in an area free from extraneous sound-making sources or reflecting surfaces. The ambient sound level as well as the surrounding weather conditions will be recorded in the test data.

#### 7.1-III. DISCUSSION

This test is performed in three parts. The first part exposes the exterior of the vehicle to 80.0 dB(A) on the left side of the bus and the noise transmitted to the interior is measured. The overall average of the six measurements was 35.3 dB(A); ranging from 33.6 dB(A) at the rear passenger seats to 37.2 dB(A) at the driver's seat. The interior ambient noise level for this test was < 30.0 dB(A).

The second test measures interior noise during acceleration from 0 to 35 mph. This noise level ranged from 63.2 dB(A) at the driver's seat to 67.9 dB(A) at the rear passenger seats. The overall average was 65.2 dB(A). The interior ambient noise level for this test was < 30.0 dB(A).

The third part of the test is to listen for resonant vibrations, rattles, and other noise sources while operating over the road. No vibrations or rattles were noted.

**INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM**  
**Test Condition 1: 80 dB(A) Stationary White Noise**

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 5-29-12
Personnel: B.L., T.S. & E.L.	
Temperature (°F): 76	Humidity (%): 64
Wind Speed (mph): 6	Wind Direction: NW
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.81	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Interior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): < 30.0	Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 45.0
Microphone Height During Testing (in): 29" above seat cushion.	

Measurement Location	Measured Sound Level dB(A)
Driver's Seat	37.2
Front Passenger Seats	35.7
In Line with Front Speaker	35.2
In Line with Middle Speaker	35.0
In Line with Rear Speaker	34.8
Rear Passenger Seats	33.6

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.
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<b>Comments:</b> All readings taken in the center aisle.
Remarks/comments/recommended changes: None noted.

**INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM**  
**Test Condition 2: 0 to 35 mph Acceleration Test**

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-24-12
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & T.M.	
Temperature (°F): 61	Humidity (%): 94
Wind Speed (mph): 0	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.23	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Interior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): < 30.0	Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 46.6
Microphone Height During Testing (in): 29" above seat cushion.	

Measurement Location	Measured Sound Level dB(A)
Driver's Seat	63.2
Front Passenger Seats	65.6
Middle Passenger Seats	63.9
Rear Passenger Seats	67.9

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.
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<b>Comments:</b> All readings taken in the center aisle.
Remarks/comments/recommended changes: None noted.

**INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM**  
**Test Condition 3: Audible Vibration Test**

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-24-12
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & T.M.	
Temperature (°F): 61	Humidity (%): 94
Wind Speed (mph): 0	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.23	

Describe the following possible sources of noise and give the relative location on the bus.

Source of Noise	Location
Engine and Accessories	None noted.
Windows and Doors	None noted.
Seats and Wheel Chair lifts	None noted.

<b>Comment on any other vibration or noise source which may have occurred that is not described above:</b> None other noted.
Remarks/comments/recommended changes: None noted.

## 7.1 INTERIOR NOISE TEST



**TEST BUS SET-UP FOR 80 dB(A)  
INTERIOR NOISE TEST**

## 7.2 EXTERIOR NOISE TESTS

### 7.2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to record exterior noise levels when a bus is operated under various conditions.

### 7.2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In the exterior noise tests, the bus will be operated at a SLW in three different conditions using a smooth, straight and level roadway:

1. Accelerating at full throttle from a constant speed at or below 35 mph and just prior to transmission up shift.
2. Accelerating at full throttle from standstill.
3. Stationary, with the engine at low idle, high idle, and wide open throttle.

In addition, the buses will be tested with and without the air conditioning and all accessories operating. The exterior noise levels will be recorded.

The test site is at the PSBRTF and the test procedures will be in accordance with SAE Standards SAE J366b, Exterior Sound Level for Heavy Trucks and Buses. The test site is an open space free of large reflecting surfaces. A noise meter placed at a specified location outside the bus will measure the noise level.

During the test, special attention should be paid to:

1. The test site characteristics regarding parked vehicles, signboards, buildings, or other sound-reflecting surfaces
2. Proper usage of all test equipment including set-up and calibration
3. The ambient sound level

### 7.2-III. DISCUSSION

The Exterior Noise Test determines the noise level generated by the vehicle under different driving conditions and at stationary low and high idle, with and without air conditioning and accessories operating. The test site is a large, level, bituminous paved area with no reflecting surfaces nearby.

With an exterior ambient noise level of 42.2 dB(A), the average test result obtained while accelerating from a constant speed was 74.4 dB(A) on the right side and 74.7 dB(A) on the left side.



When accelerating from a standstill with an exterior ambient noise level of 42.2 dB(A), the average of the results obtained were 77.6 dB(A) on the right side and 77.8 dB(A) on the left side.

With the vehicle stationary and the engine, accessories, and air conditioning on, the measurements averaged 62.7 dB(A) at low idle, 68.6 dB(A) at high idle, and 75.8 dB(A) at wide open throttle. With the accessories and air conditioning off, the readings averaged 1.0 dB(A) lower at low idle, 2.8 dB(A) lower at high idle, and 0.5 dB(A) lower at wide open throttle. The exterior ambient noise level measured during this test was 42.2 dB(A).

## EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM Accelerating from Constant Speed

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-24-12
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & T.M.	
Temperature (°F): 79	Humidity (%): 54
Wind Speed (mph): 0	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.20	
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 42.2	

Accelerating from Constant Speed Curb (Right) Side		Accelerating from Constant Speed Street (Left) Side	
Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)	Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)
1	72.7	1	73.6
2	73.6	2	74.2
3	74.8	3	74.6
4	73.9	4	74.7
5	73.7	5	74.3
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.4 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.7 dB(A)	

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ■ checked by: T.S.
Remarks/Comments/recommended changes: None noted.

## EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM Accelerating from Standstill

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-24-12
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & T.M.	
Temperature (°F): 79	Humidity (%): 54
Wind Speed (mph): 0	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.20	
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> checked by: T.S.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> checked by: T.S.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 42.2	

Accelerating from Standstill Curb (Right) Side		Accelerating from Standstill Street (Left) Side	
Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)	Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)
1	76.9	1	77.1
2	77.2	2	78.0
3	77.7	3	77.6
4	77.4	4	77.3
5	77.0	5	77.5
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 77.6 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 77.8 dB(A)	

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> checked by: T.S.
Remarks/comments/recommended changes: None noted.

# EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM

## Stationary

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Bus Number: 1209		Date: 8-24-12	
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & T.M.			
Temperature (°F): 79		Humidity (%): 54	
Wind Speed (mph): 0		Wind Direction: Calm	
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.20			
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> checked by: T.S.			
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> checked by: T.S.			
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 42.2			
Accessories and Air Conditioning ON			
Throttle Position	Engine RPM	Curb (Right) Side dB(A)	Street (Left) Side db(A)
		Measured	Measured
Low Idle	600	63.6	61.8
High Idle	1,000	69.4	67.7
Wide Open Throttle	2,200	75.8	75.7
Accessories and Air Conditioning OFF			
Throttle Position	Engine RPM	Curb (Right) Side dB(A)	Street (Left) Side db(A)
		Measured	Measured
Low Idle	600	62.3	61.0
High Idle	1,000	65.8	65.7
Wide Open Throttle	2,200	75.2	75.3
Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> checked by: T.S.			
Remarks/Comments/recommended changes: None noted.			

## 7.2 EXTERIOR NOISE TESTS



**TEST BUS UNDERGOING  
EXTERIOR NOISE TEST**



## **8. EMISSIONS TEST – DYNAMOMETER-BASED EMISSIONS TEST USING TRANSIT DRIVING CYCLES**

### **8-I. TEST OBJECTIVE**

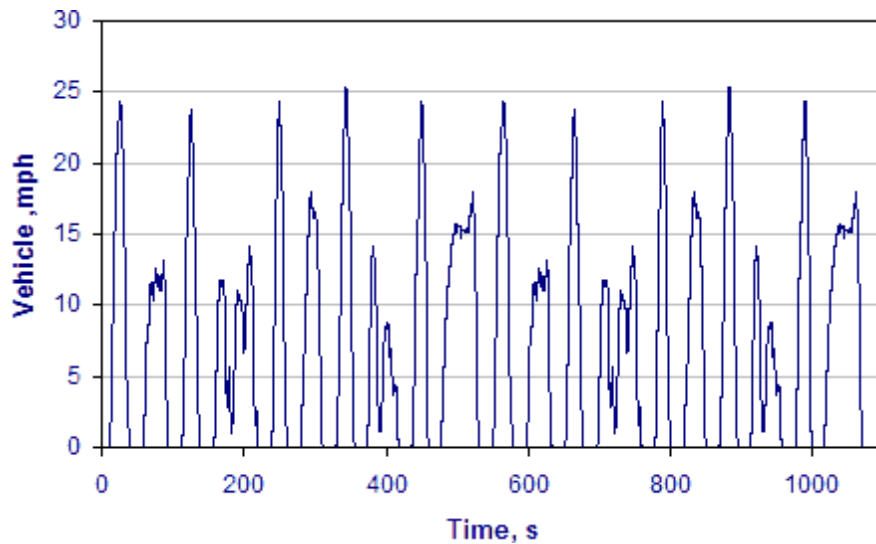
The objective of this test is to provide comparable emissions data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers. This chassis-based emissions test bears no relation to engine certification testing performed for compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation. EPA's certification tests are performed using an engine dynamometer operating under the Federal Test Protocol. This emissions test is a measurement of the gaseous engine emissions CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, HC and particulates (diesel vehicles) produced by a vehicle operating on a large-roll chassis dynamometer. The test is performed for three differed driving cycles intended to simulate a range of transit operating environments. The cycles consist of Manhattan Cycle, the Orange County Bus driving cycle, and the Urban Dynamometer Driving Cycle (UDDS). The test is performed under laboratory conditions in compliance with EPA 1065 and SAE J2711. The results of this test may not represent actual in-service vehicle emissions but will provide data that can be used by recipients to compare buses tested under different operating conditions.

### **8-II. TEST DESCRIPTION**

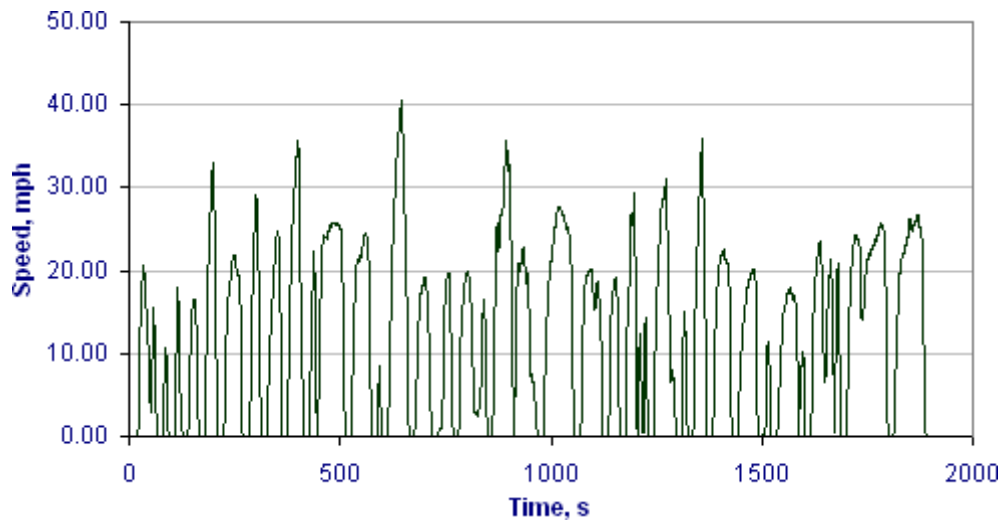
This test is performed in the emissions bay of the LTI Vehicle Testing Laboratory. The Laboratory is equipped with a Schenk Pegasus 300 HP, large-roll (72 inch diameter) chassis dynamometer suitable for heavy-vehicle emissions testing. The dynamometer is located in the end test bay and is adjacent to the control room and emissions analysis area. The emissions laboratory provides capability for testing heavy-duty diesel and alternative-fueled buses for a variety of tailpipe emissions including particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and hydrocarbons. It is equipped with a Horiba full-scale CVS dilution tunnel and emissions sampling system. The system includes Horiba Mexa 7400 Series gas analyzers and a Horiba HF47 Particulate Sampling System. Test operation is automated using Horiba CDTCS software. The computer controlled dynamometer is capable of simulating over-the-road operation for a variety of vehicles and driving cycles.

The emissions test will be performed as soon as permissible after the completion of the GVW portion of the structural durability test. The driving cycles are the Manhattan cycle, a low average speed, highly transient urban cycle (Figure 1), the Orange County Bus Cycle which consists of urban and highway driving segments (Figure 2), and the EPA UDDS Cycle (Figure 3). An emissions test will comprise of two runs for the three different driving cycles, and the average value will be reported. Test results reported will include the average grams per mile value for each of the gaseous emissions for

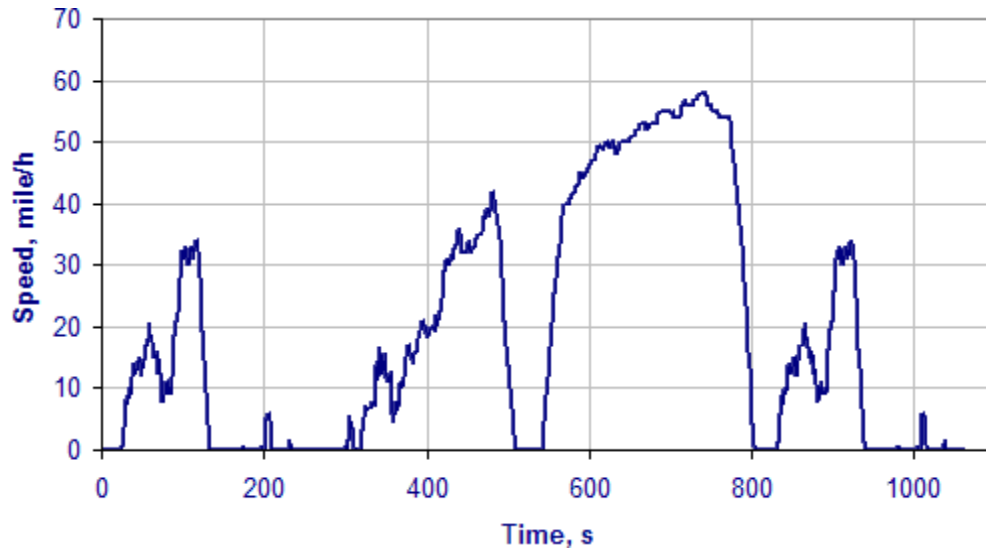
gasoline buses, for all the three driving cycles. In addition, the particulate matter emissions are included for diesel buses, and non-methane hydrocarbon emissions (NMHC) are included for CNG buses. Testing is performed in accordance with EPA CFR49, Part 1065 and SAE J2711 as practically determined by the FTA Emissions Testing Protocol developed by West Virginia University and Penn State University.



**Figure 1.** Manhattan Driving Cycle (duration 1089 sec, Maximum speed 25.4mph, average speed 6.8mph)



**Figure 2.** Orange County Bus Cycle (Duration 1909 Sec, Maximum Speed 41mph, Average Speed 12mph)



**Figure 3.** HD-UDDS Cycle (duration 1060seconds, Maximum Speed 58mph, Average Speed 18.86mph)

### 8-III. TEST ARTICLE

The test article is a Prevost model X3-45 Commuter transit bus equipped with diesel fueled Volvo model D13H435P engine. The bus was tested on October 18, 2012. Note; this Emissions Test was performed after manufacturer’s representatives serviced the exhaust after-treatment system.

### 8-IV. TEST EQUIPMENT

Testing is performed in the LTI Vehicle Testing Laboratory emissions testing bay. The test bay is equipped with a Schenk Pegasus 72-inch, large-roll chassis dynamometer. The dynamometer is electronically controlled to account for vehicle road-load characteristics and for simulating the inertia characteristics of the vehicle. Power to the roller is supplied and absorbed through an electronically controlled 3-phase ac motor. Absorbed power is dumped back onto the electrical grid.

Vehicle exhaust is collected by a Horiba CVS, full-flow dilution tunnel. The system has separate tunnels for diesel and gasoline/natural gas fueled vehicles. In the case of diesel vehicles, particulate emissions are measured gravimetrically using 47mm Teflon filters. These filters are housed in a Horiba HF47 particulate sampler, per EPA 1065



test procedures.. Heated gaseous emissions of hydrocarbons and NOx are sampled by Horiba heated oven analyzers. Gaseous emissions for CO, CO2 and cold NOx are measured using a Horiba Mexa 7400 series gas analyzer. System operation, including the operation of the chassis dynamometer, and all calculations are controlled by a Dell workstation running Horiba CDCTS test control software. Particulate Filters are weighed in a glove box using a Sartorius microbalance accurate to 1 microgram.

#### 8-V. TEST PREPARATION AND PROCEDURES

All vehicles are prepared for emissions testing in accordance with the Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form. (In the event that fuel economy test was performed immediately prior to emissions testing this step does not have to be repeated) This is done to ensure that the bus is tested in optimum operating condition. The manufacturer-specified preventive maintenance shall be performed before this test. The ABS system and when applicable, the regenerative braking system are disabled for operation on the chassis dynamometer. Any manufacturer-recommended changes to the pre-test maintenance procedure must be noted on the revision sheet. The Fuel Economy Pre-Test Inspection Form will also be completed before performing. Both the Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form and the Fuel Economy Pre-Test Inspection Form are found on the following pages.

Prior to performing the emissions test, each bus is evaluated to determine its road-load characteristics using coast-down techniques in accordance with SAE J1263. This data is used to program the chassis dynamometer to accurately simulate over-the-road operation of the bus.

Warm-up consists of driving the bus for 20 minutes at approximately 40 mph on the chassis dynamometer. The test driver follows the prescribed driving cycle watching the speed trace and instructions on the Horiba Drivers-Aid monitor which is placed in front of the windshield. The CDCTS computer monitors driver performance and reports any errors that could potentially invalidate the test.

All buses are tested at half seated load weight. The base line emissions data are obtained at the following conditions:

1. Air conditioning off
2. Evaporator fan or ventilation fan on
3. One Half Seated load weight
4. Appropriate test fuel with energy content (BTU/LB) noted in CDTCS software
5. Exterior and interior lights on
6. Heater Pump Motor off
7. Defroster off
8. Windows and Doors closed

The test tanks or the bus fuel tank(s) will be filled prior to the fuel economy test with the appropriate grade of test fuel.

### 8-VI DISCUSSION

The following Table 1 provides the emissions testing results on a grams per mile basis for each of the exhaust constituents measured and for each driving cycle performed.

TABLE 1 Emissions Test Results

<b>Driving Cycle</b>	<b>Manhattan</b>	<b>Orange County Bus</b>	<b>UDDS</b>
<b>CO<sub>2</sub>, gm/mi</b>	3,449	2,367	1,732
<b>CO, gm/mi</b>	2.1	0.86	0.34
<b>THC, gm/mi</b>	0.04	0.03	0.02
<b>NMHC, gm/mi</b>	na	na	na
<b>NO<sub>x</sub>, gm/mi</b>	4.5	5.89	3.9
<b>Particulates. gm/mi</b>	0.001	0.000	0.002
<b>Fuel consumption mpg</b>	2.95	4.26	5.94

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-31-12	SLW (lbs): 47,110
Personnel: T.S., S.R., P.D. & B.L.		

FUEL SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Install fuel measurement system	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Replace fuel filter	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Check for fuel leaks	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Specify fuel type (refer to fuel analysis)	Diesel		
Remarks: None noted.			
BRAKES/TIRES	OK	Date	Initials
Inspect hoses	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Inspect brakes	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Relube wheel bearings	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Check tire inflation pressures (mfg. specs.)	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			
COOLING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check hoses and connections	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Check system for coolant leaks	✓	8-31-12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-31-12		
Personnel: T.S., S.R., P.D. & B.L.			
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS</b>	OK	Date	Initials
Check battery	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Inspect wiring	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Inspect terminals	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check lighting	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Remarks: None noted.			
<b>DRIVE SYSTEM</b>	OK	Date	Initials
Drain transmission fluid	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Replace filter/gasket	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check hoses and connections	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Replace transmission fluid	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check for fluid leaks	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Remarks: None noted.			
<b>LUBRICATION</b>	OK	Date	Initials
Drain crankcase oil	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Replace filters	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Replace crankcase oil	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check for oil leaks	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Check oil level	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Lube all chassis grease fittings	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Lube universal joints	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Replace differential lube including axles	✓	8-31-12	S.R.
Remarks: None noted.			

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 8-31-12		
Personnel: T.s., S.R., P.D. & B.L.			
EXHAUST/EMISSION SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check for exhaust leaks	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			
ENGINE	OK	Date	Initials
Replace air filter	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Inspect air compressor and air system	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Inspect vacuum system, if applicable	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Check and adjust all drive belts	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Check cold start assist, if applicable	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
STEERING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check power steering hoses and connectors	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Service fluid level	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Check power steering operation	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			
	OK	Date	Initials
Ballast bus to seated load weight	✓	8/31/12	B.L.
TEST DRIVE	OK	Date	Initials
Check brake operation	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Check transmission operation	✓	8/31/12	T.S.
Remarks: None noted.			

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Bus Number: 1209	Date: 9-4-12
Personnel: T.S., S.R. & M.Z.	
<b>PRE WARM-UP</b>	If OK, Initial
Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form is complete	T.S.
Cold tire pressure (psi): Front <u>100</u> Drive <u>85</u> Tag <u>85</u>	T.S.
Tire wear:	T.S.
Engine oil level	M.Z.
Engine coolant level	M.Z.
Interior and exterior lights on, evaporator fan on	T.S.
Fuel economy instrumentation installed and working properly.	T.S.
Fuel line -- no leaks or kinks	T.S.
Speed measuring system installed on bus. Speed indicator installed in front of bus and accessible to TECH and Driver.	S.R.
Bus is loaded to SLW	T.S.
<b>WARM-UP</b>	If OK, Initial
Bus driven for at least one hour warm-up	T.S.
No extensive or black smoke from exhaust	T.S.
<b>POST WARM-UP</b>	If OK, Initial
Warm tire pressure (psi): Front <u>110</u> Drive <u>95</u> Tag <u>95</u>	T.S.
Environmental conditions Average wind speed <12 mph and maximum gusts <15 mph Ambient temperature between 30°F(-1C°) and 90°F(32°C) Track surface is dry Track is free of extraneous material and clear of interfering traffic	T.S.