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Safety Compliance Testing for FMVSS 121V

Air Brake Systems

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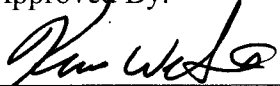
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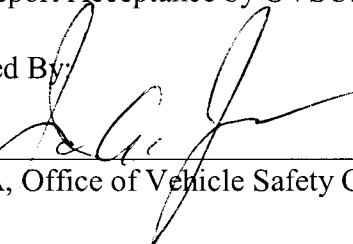


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Section 1.0

Purpose of Compliance Test

Purpose

Transportation Research Center Inc. (TRC) conducted this program for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) under Contract No. DTNH22-02-P-01029. The purpose of this test was to determine if the subject vehicle, a 2003 Blue Bird, All American, 4X2, 84-passenger, school bus, NHTSA No. C30900, meets the performance requirements of FMVSS 121, "Air Brake Systems."

Test Procedure

This test was conducted in accordance with NHTSA's Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Laboratory Test Procedure No. TP-121V-04. Data was obtained relative to FMVSS 121, "Air Brake Systems." Deviations from the procedure: The only test performed under section 10.2 "Laboratory Tests" was 10.2 I. "Brake Actuation and Release Timing." Under section 10.3 "Road Tests," park brake was tested under subsections H. and I. "Static Retardation Force Test" and "Grade Holding Test," respectively. The test sequence was performed as follows:

1. Burnish GVWR
2. Brake Actuation and Release Timing GVWR
3. Stability & Control GVWR
4. Stability & Control LLVW
5. Service Brake Stops GVWR
6. Emergency Brake – Primary Reservoir Failed GVWR
7. Emergency Brake – Secondary Reservoir Failed GVWR
8. Emergency Brake – Primary Control Line Failed GVWR
9. Park Brake – Grade Holding GVWR
10. Park Brake – Static Retardation Force GVWR
11. Service Brake Stops LLVW
12. Emergency Brake – Primary Reservoir Failed LLVW
13. Emergency Brake – Secondary Reservoir Failed LLVW
14. Emergency Brake – Primary Control Line Failed LLVW
15. Park Brake – Grade Holding LLVW

Although school busses are not required to perform subsection 10.3 D. "Stability and Control" test, it was performed as an indicant test for this vehicle.

The vehicle information is summarized in Section 2.0. The test data summary is located in Section 3.0, the test data is located in Section 4.0, and the test summary is located in Section 5.0. Appendix A contains the still photographic prints, and Appendix B contains the information that was shipped with the vehicle.

Section 2.0

Vehicle Information

Vehicle Information

The completed test vehicle is a 2003 Blue Bird, All American, 4x2, 84-passenger, school bus, NHTSA No. C30900, manufactured by the Blue Bird Body Company. The vehicle is a “pusher”-type, cab over, straight truck chassis school bus body with 84 passenger seats, and a wheelbase of 274 inches. The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) is 36,200 pounds, and the test vehicle is equipped with a Bendix 4-sensor, 4-modulator (4S/4M) anti-lock brake system.

Section 3.0

Test Data Summary

Test Data Summary

Table 1

Summary of Data for Laboratory Test "Application & Release Times"

Average Times in Seconds	Application Max Allowable 0.45 seconds		Release Max Allowable 0.55 seconds	
	Left Front	Right Rear	Left Front	Right Rear
Full System Operating	0.415	0.311	0.358	0.435
ABS Main Power Failed	0.411	0.304	0.353	0.433
ABS Wheel Sensor Failed (Open)	0.412	0.310	0.355	0.435
ABS Wheel Sensor Failed (Short)	0.415	0.310	0.358	0.435

The park brake chamber pressures were approx. 0.1 psi. 3 seconds after control valve actuated.

Table 2

Data Summary of the Stopping Distances

Distance in Feet (Corrected Dist.)	GVWR		LLVW		Maximum Allowable (ft.)
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	
Service Brakes	223.0	236.1	174.7	199.5	GVWR – 280 LLVW – 280
Failed Primary Reservoir	343.8	395.6	185.1	211.5	613
Failed Secondary Reservoir	326.6	382.0	240.3	257.6	613
Failed Primary Control Line	236.2	278.8	172.0	177.2	613

The vehicle passed the indicant Stability and Control tests.

Section 4.0

Test Data

TEST DATA
Table 3
VEHICLE INFORMATION SHEET-FMVSS 121

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle Number: C30900

Test No.: 20010636/2000 Test Date(s): 09/09/02 – 10/16/02

Test Facility/Location: TRC /Transportation Research Center Inc.; East Liberty, Ohio

VIN: 1BABNBPA33F210494

GVWR 36,200 lbs. GAWRs: 13,200 lbs. Front, 23,000 lbs. Rear

CENTER OF GRAVITY HEIGHT (in): No Data

Initial Odometer: 764 mi.

Wheelbase: Bus (in): 274 in. Trailer, (in): N/A

Retarder(s) Type(s): None

Aerodynamic Treatments: Yes No

BRAKES:

Axles:	Type ¹	Size	Make	Lining (Edge Code)
1	<u>S-Cam</u>	<u>16.5 x 5 in.</u>	<u>Meritor</u>	<u>MA 212 FF</u>
2	<u>S-Cam</u>	<u>16.5 x 7 in.</u>	<u>Meritor</u>	<u>R 301 FF</u>
3	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

¹ Cam, disc, wedge, etc.

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BRAKE DRUM/ROTOR:

	Type ²	Make	Dust Shields Installed?
Axles:			
Front	<u>Cast Drum</u>	<u>Arvin Meritor</u>	<u>No</u>
Rear	<u>Cast Drum</u>	<u>Arvin Meritor</u>	<u>No</u>

² Cast or composite drum, vented or non-vented rotor, etc.

ACTUATION DETAILS:

	AIR CHAMBERS		SLACK ADJUSTERS		
	Make	Type ³	Length or Wedge angle	Mfr	Cam
Rotation⁴					
Axles:					
Front	<u>MGM</u>	<u>24 (L3) Diaph.</u>	<u>5.5 in.</u>	<u>Meritor</u>	<u>Same</u>
Rear	<u>MGM</u>	<u>30 (67-09)Diaph</u>	<u>6.0 in.</u>	<u>Meritor</u>	<u>Same</u>

³ Size and diaphragm or piston

⁴ Same or opposite to forward wheel rotation

TIRES

	Pressure (psi)	Size	Make	Model	Static Loaded Radius Measured	Databook
Axles:						
Front	<u>115 psi</u>	<u>425/65R22.5</u>	<u>Goodyear</u>	<u>G286</u>	<u>**19.5 in.</u>	<u>No Data</u>
Rear	<u>105 psi</u>	<u>11R22.5</u>	<u>Goodyear</u>	<u>G124</u>	<u>**19.3 in.</u>	<u>No Data</u>

*Manufacturer supplied data.

**Measured at test GVWR.

REMARKS: There were dual tires at each wheel end on the rear axle.

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ABS:

Mfr: Bendix Model: P/N 5010167-R00 Configuration: 4S/4M

FRONT SUSPENSION:

Type: Multi-Leaf Spring Make: Meritor Model: No Data

REAR SUSPENSION:

Type: Multi-Leaf Spring Make: Meritor Model: No Data

Rear Axle Spread, (in): N/A Overall Width (SAE J693): 97 in.

AIR SYSTEM:

Compressor Capacity (cfm): No Data

Cut-out (psi): 120 Cut-in (psi): 105

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

Special conditions or equipment that might affect brake performance: None.

WEIGHTS (lbs.):

	Empty	LLVW	Burnish	Fully Loaded	GAWR
Axle:					
1	<u>7,080</u>	<u>7,690</u>	<u>13,190</u>	<u>13,190</u>	<u>13,200</u>
2	<u>12,860</u>	<u>12,770</u>	<u>22,990</u>	<u>22,990</u>	<u>23,000</u>
Total:	<u>19,940</u>	<u>20,460</u>	<u>36,180</u>	<u>36,180</u>	<u>36,200</u>

REMARKS: None.

TEST DATA
TABLE 4
VERIFICATION OF REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-16-02 Drivers: K. Easterday Technician: K. Easterday

SERVICE BRAKES	YES	NO
All Wheels Equipped with Brakes	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
All Brakes Equipped with Automatic Brake Adjusters	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brake Adjustment Indicators are visible from a location adjacent to or beneath the vehicle	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
 ANTILOCK BRAKE SYSTEM		
Antilock System Installed	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Proper axle control	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Comments:		
Antilock Warning Signal within Drivers Field-of-View Black letters, yellow background, no audible warning	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
 SERVICE RESERVOIRS		
No. of Reservoirs <u> 3 </u>		
Automatic Condensate drain valve(s) or supply reservoir	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Automatic Operation of condensate drain valve	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Each Reservoir has a Drain Valve which can be manually operated	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
 PARKING BRAKES		
Parking Brake Control Separate from Service Brake Control	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

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Parking Brake Control Accessible from Operator's Seat	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Parking Brake control is identified in a manner that specifies its operation	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Parking Brake Control Operates Parking Brakes of Towed Vehicle	<u> X </u> N/A	<u> </u> Yes <u> </u> No

REMARKS: None

LABORATORY TESTS
TABLE 5
BRAKE ACTUATION AND RELEASE TIMES

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 09-27-02 Driver: K. Easterday Technician: C. Jenkins

FULL SYSTEM – ABS MAIN POWER ACTIVE

Run No.	Front Axle		Rear Axle	
	Apply (sec)	Release (sec)	Apply (sec)	Release (sec)
1	0.414	0.359	0.313	0.422
2	0.411	0.358	0.305	0.432
3	0.421	0.358	0.316	0.432
Avg.	0.415	0.358	0.311	0.435

FULL SYSTEM – ABS MAIN POWER FAILED

1	0.405	0.359	0.304	0.433
2	0.414	0.350	0.304	0.433
3	0.414	0.350	0.304	0.433
Avg.	0.411	0.353	0.304	0.433

ABS WHEEL SENSOR FAILED – SHORTED

1	0.411	0.347	0.305	0.432
2	0.421	0.358	0.316	0.432
3	0.414	0.368	0.309	0.442
Avg.	0.415	0.358	0.310	0.435

ABS WHEEL SENSOR FAILED – OPEN

1	0.411	0.359	0.308	0.442
2	0.411	0.355	0.308	0.438
3	0.414	0.350	0.313	0.424
Avg.	0.412	0.355	0.310	0.435

REMARKS: To simulate the "Open" failure and immediately adjacent to the wheel, the right rear drive axle wheel speed sensor lead was disconnected. To simulate the "Shorted" failure and immediately adjacent to the wheel, the right rear drive axle wheel speed sensor connector was disconnected and with a jumper wire, the two exposed wire ends (prong receptacles) to the ABS ECU, were connected. For the ABS Active tests, the ignition was in the ON/RUN position with the engine not running. All tests were performed with the vehicle attached to "shop air" regulated to 100 psi maximum.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 6
PARK BRAKE CHAMBER ACTUATION PRESSURE**

PARKING BRAKE TEST

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Test Performed By: K. Easterday Date: 09-27-02

PARK BRAKE CHAMBER ACTUATION PRESSURE

AXLE # 1 (rear)

RUN NUMBER	PRESSURE IN PARKING CHAMBER AFTER 3 SECONDS (PSI)	
	LEFT	RIGHT
1	0.0	0.2
2	-0.1	0.1
3	0.1	0.1
AVERAGE	0	0.1

If average pressure is less than or equal to 3 psi, use 0 psi

REMARKS: None.

ROAD TESTS

**Table 7
BURNISH**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle Number: C30900

8.1 BURNISH TEST WEIGHT AXLE 1: 13,190 lbs. AXLE 2: 22,990 lbs.			
Driver No.	Date	Odometer Start	Odometer End
1	09/24/02	778	1013
2	09/25/02	1013	1162
3	09/25/02	1162	1306
4			

	Date	Time	Odometer
Test Start	09/24/02	17:10	778
Test Finish	01/10/01	20:20	1306

	ADJUSTMENT LEVELS					
	1L	1R	2L	2R	3L	3R
Initial	01/09/01	01/09/01	01/09/01	01/09/01	N/A	N/A
1st	01/09/01	01/09/01	01/09/01	01/09/01	N/A	N/A
2nd	01/09/01	01/09/01	01/09/01	01/09/01	N/A	N/A
3rd	01/10/01	01/10/01	01/10/01	01/10/01	N/A	N/A
Final	01/11/01	01/11/01	01/11/01	01/11/01	N/A	N/A

REMARKS: The foundation brakes, suspension and axles were Meritor items. Therefore, for these types and models of brakes, the brakes were adjusted per Meritor's "Maintenance Manual 4" obtained via their website. The method utilized was the "free-stroke" method. This method specifies an adjustment range of 1/2 in. to 5/8 in. Except for the first adjustment check, which was performed at snub 53 due to high post-snob heat and a large temperature spread for the rear axle, the adjustment checks occurred at the standard prescribed intervals. The adjustments did not exceed the manufacturer's maximum allowable specifications, nor did the drivers indicate that brake drag was evident.

First adjustment at snub 53: strokes measured (LF 5/8", RF 5/8"; LR 1/8", RR 1/8"). The second adjustment at snub 250: strokes measured (LF 5/8"; RF 1/2"; LR 3/8", RR 1/4"). The third adjustment at snub 375: strokes measured (LF 5/8"; RF 5/8"; LR 1/4", RR 1/4"). Final adjustment strokes measured (LF 5/8"; RF 5/8"; LR 3/8", RR 1/4"). The brakes were adjusted to the manufacturer's specifications of 5/8" free stroke.

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Snub #	Initial Speed (mph)	Average Cntrl Press. (psi)	Decel (ft/s ²)	Initial Brake Temperatures °F					
				1L	1R	2L	2R		
1	40	ND	9.6	58	91	94	92		
25	40	58	10.2	324	317	357	422		
50	40	59	11.0	273	275	474	554		
75	40	45	10.7	283	298	443	516		
100	40	52	10.7	283	303	500	553		
125	40	51	10.4	290	311	450	537		
150	40	43	10.2	280	313	475	525		
175	40	46	10.0	300	323	489	527		
200	40	45	10.0	285	303	454	508		
225	40	43	10.5	298	320	485	521		
250	40	34	9.4	341	348	380	449		
275	40	40	9.9	340	322	386	466		
300	40	40	9.6	319	294	347	395		
325	40	40	9.3	325	335	409	482		
350	40	40	9.1	328	315	399	463		
375	40	43	10.0	262	263	329	407		
400	40	44	9.9	293	304	390	474		
425	40	42	9.6	292	301	420	494		
450	40	36	8.3	306	314	450	511		
475	40	42	9.8	297	307	448	500		
500	40	43	9.9	295	304	449	496		

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REMARKS: None.

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Snub #	Initial Speed mph	Ambient Temp °F	Comments	Driver Initials
1	40	69	T/C repair at snub #3.	RH
25	40	67	100 °spread – off/cool.	RH
50	40	65	Spread - adj. rear brakes.	RH
75	40	59		RH
100	40	56		RH
125	40	56		RH
150	40	55		RH
175	40	54	Break	RH
200	40	51		RH
225	40	51		RH
250	40	58	Brake Adjustment Check	KE
275	40	65		KE
300	40	72		KE
325	40	72		KE
350	40	72		KE
375	40	43	Brake Adjustment Check	RH
400	40	41		RH
425	40	39		RH
450	40	39		RH
475	40	38		RH
500	40	38	Brake Adjustment Check	RH

REMARKS: None.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 8
STABILITY & CONTROL-GVWR**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-01-02 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

Maximum Drive Through Speed 32 mph

75% of Max Drive Through Speed 24 mph

STABILITY & CONTROL-GVWR

Stop No.	Initial Speed (mph)	Apply Time (sec)	Approx. Dist. Out of Lane (ft)	Number Markers Hit	Comments
1	24.8	0.29	-0-	-0-	Video Tape
2	24.6	0.28	-0-	-0-	Video Tape
3	24.8	0.29	-0-	-0-	Video Tape
4	24.1	0.29	-0-	-0-	Video Tape

Ambient Temp.: 67 °F

Wind Speed: 9-12 mph

Direction: 232° SW

REMARKS: The vehicle remained in the lane during all 4 stops.

Apply Time – Time from zero psi control line/treadle pressure to 85 psi.

ROAD TESTS
TABLE 9
STABILITY & CONTROL-LLVW

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-02-02 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

Maximum Drive Through Speed 34 mph

75% of Max Drive Through Speed 25.5 mph

STABILITY & CONTROL-LLVW

Stop No.	Initial Speed (mph)	Apply Time (sec)	Approx. Dist. Out of Lane (ft)	Number Markers Hit	Comments
1	24.9	0.28	-0-	-0-	Video Tape
2	24.5	0.25	-0-	-0-	Video Tape
3	26.4	0.27	-0-	-0-	Video Tape
4	25.6	0.26	-0-	-0-	Video Tape

Ambient Temp.: 71 °F

Wind Speed: 10 mph

Direction: 89° E

REMARKS: The vehicle remained in the lane during all 4 stops.
Apply Time – Time from zero psi control line/treadle pressure to 85 psi.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 10
SERVICE BRAKE STOPPING TEST-GVWR**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10/02/02 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

BRAKE STROKE MEASUREMENTS: free stroke

Axle 1 Left/Right 5/8" / 5/8"

Axle 2 Left/Right 5/8 " / 5/8"

Axle 3 Left/Right N/A / N/A

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

60 MPH SERVICE BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance Per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	102	60.7	241.9	236.1	Y	N	Video Tape
2	104	60.0	225.7	225.5	Y	N	Video Tape
3	102	59.6	226.2	229.1	Y	N	Video Tape
4	101	60.1	227.2	226.1	Y	N	No comment
5	102	59.5	223.0	227.0	Y	N	No comment
6	101	60.2	224.5	223.0	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp.: 80 °F

Wind Speed: 13 mph

Direction: 233° SW

REMARKS: Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance requirement of **280 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

ROAD TESTS
TABLE 11
EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPPING TEST,
PRIMARY RESERVOIR FAILURE-GVWR

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-03-02 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

PRIMARY RESERVOIR FAILURE AT GVWR
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	94	60.2	398.3	395.6	Y	N	Video Tape
2	97	60.5	364.5	358.2	Y	N	Video Tape
3	95	60.7	362.5	353.7	Y	N	No comment
4	94	60.1	369.9	368.6	Y	N	No comment
5	95	60.5	355.1	349.1	Y	N	No comment
6	95	60.5	349.4	343.8	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp.: 81 °F

Wind Speed: 14 mph

Direction: 253° SW

REMARKS: The brake was applied within 5 seconds after activation of the low-pressure warning. Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance of **613 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

ROAD TESTS
TABLE 12
EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPPING TEST,
SECONDARY RESERVOIR FAILURE-GVWR

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-04-02 Driver: K. Easterday Technician: None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

SECONDARY RESERVOIR FAILURE AT GVWR
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	26	59.3	319.0	326.6	Y	N	Video Tape
2	25	59.3	329.7	337.1	Y	N	Video Tape
3	21	59.7	378.6	382.0	Y	N	No comment
4	21	60.9	377.7	366.6	Y	N	No comment
5	20	60.3	358.1	354.2	Y	N	No comment
6	21	58.7	338.2	352.9	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp. 81 °F

Wind Speed: 26 mph

Direction: 175° SE

REMARKS: The brake was applied within 5 seconds after activation of the low-pressure warning. Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance of **613 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

ROAD TESTS
TABLE 13
ROAD TESTS
EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPPING TEST,
PRIMARY CONTROL LINE FAILURE-GVWR
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-04-02 Driver: K. Easterday Technician None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

PRIMARY CONTROL LINE FAILURE-GVWR
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	87	60.0	279.1	279.1	Y	N	Video Tape
2	101	60.1	247.6	246.6	Y	N	Video Tape
3	102	60.3	240.1	237.5	Y	N	No comment
4	101	59.5	237.1	241.0	Y	N	No comment
5	104	59.8	240.5	242.2	Y	N	No comment
6	103	60.1	237.2	236.2	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp.: 78 °F

Wind Speed: 24 mph

Direction: 165° SE

REMARKS: The brake was applied within 5 seconds after activation of the low-pressure warning. Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance of **613 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 14
PARKING BRAKE TEST
STATIC RETARDATION FORCE-GVWR**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Test Performed By: K. Easterday Date: 10-08-02

Parking Brake Chamber Pressure: 0 psi

STATIC RETARDATION FORCE-GVWR

AXLE # 1 (Rear/Drive) DRAWBAR PULL — PEAK FORCE DURING WHEEL ROTATION (lbs.)

Pull Direction		0° - 90° Rotation		90° - 180° Rotation		180° - 270° Rotation		270° - 360° Rotation	
FORWARD		#1	9,463	#2	9,926	#3	9,669	#4	10,161
REVERSE		#5	10,155	#6	9,862	#7	9,792	#8	10,514
Brake Temperature Before Forward Pull: <u>L 178°/R 192°</u> Before Reverse Pull: <u>L 180°/R 190°</u>									
Brake Temperature After Forward Pull: <u>L 164°/R 174°</u>									
After Reverse Pull: <u>L 162°/R 169°</u>									

REMARKS: The minimum force requirement of 6,440 pounds was exceeded for each 90° rotation or pulls.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 15
PARKING BRAKE TEST
20% GRADE HOLDING-GVWR**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Driver: K. Easterday Date: 10-07-02

Parking Brake Chamber Pressure 0 psi

20% GRADE HOLDING-GVWR

<u>X</u> GVWR <u> </u> LLVW	Initial Brake Temperature (°F)	Control Pressure to Hold Vehicle (psi)	Movement to Become Stationary on Grade (inches)	Stationary on Grade For 5 minutes	
				Yes	No
Up Grade	LR-177°, RR-178°	40.1	-0-	<u>X</u>	
Down Grade	LR-151°, RR-150°	29.9	-0-	<u>X</u>	

Ambient Temp.: 56 °F

Wind Speed: 7 mph

Direction: 288° W

REMARKS: The test vehicle remained stationary of the grade facing upgrade and downgrade for the required 5-minute periods.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 16
SERVICE BRAKE STOPPING TEST-LLVW**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10/09/02 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

60 MPH SERVICE BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance Per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	77	60.4	202.2	199.5	Y	N	Video Tape
2	107	59.9	183.9	184.8	Y	N	Video Tape
3	105	60.0	174.6	174.7	Y	N	No comment
4	106	59.8	176.8	178.1	Y	N	No comment
5	104	59.5	181.5	184.7	Y	N	No comment
6	106	59.8	185.7	187.1	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp.: 61 °F

Wind Speed: 7 mph

Direction: 251° SE

REMARKS: Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance of **280 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

ROAD TESTS
TABLE 17
EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPPING TEST,
PRIMARY RESERVOIR FAILED-LLVW

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-10-02 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

PRIMARY RESERVOIR FAILURE AT LLVW
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance Per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	89	60.9	217.6	211.5	Y	N	Video Tape
2	86	60.2	201.3	199.9	Y	N	Video Tape
3	95	59.6	186.8	189.1	Y	N	No comment
4	90	59.7	187.0	188.8	Y	N	No comment
5	90	59.6	182.7	185.1	Y	N	No comment
6	91	59.5	190.8	194.1	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp.: 52 °F

Wind Speed: 1 mph

Direction: 320° NW

REMARKS: The brake was applied within 5 seconds after activation of the low pressure warning. Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance of **613 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

ROAD TESTS
TABLE 18
EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPPING TEST,
SECONDARY RESERVOIR FAILURE-LLVW

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 10-10-02 Driver: K. Easterday Technician None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

SECONDARY RESERVOIR FAILURE AT LLVW
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance Per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	24	59.8	238.5	240.3	Y	N	Video Tape
2	22	58.9	243.1	252.0	Y	N	Video Tape
3	23	59.2	244.7	251.4	Y	N	No comment
4	24	59.3	239.7	245.7	Y	N	No comment
5	23	59.6	254.5	257.6	Y	N	No comment
6	24	60.1	247.8	247.1	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp. 60 °F

Wind Speed: 5 mph

Direction: 100° E

REMARKS: The brake was applied within 5 seconds after activation of the low-pressure warning. Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance of **613 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

ROAD TESTS
TABLE 19
EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPPING TEST
PRIMARY CONTROL LINE FAILURE AT LLVW
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Date: 01-26-01 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

Manually Controlled Retarder: No

PRIMARY CONTROL LINE FAILURE AT LLVW
60 MPH EMERGENCY BRAKE STOPS

Stop	Application Pressure (psi)	Initial Speed (mph)	Actual Stopping Distance (feet)	Corrected Stopping Distance Per SAE J299	In 12 foot Lane	Wheel Lock-up Indication	Comments
1	99	60.4	175.8	173.6	Y	N	Video Tape
2	104	59.5	174.4	177.2	Y	N	Video Tape
3	105	59.8	174.2	175.2	Y	N	No comment
4	95	61.0	179.2	173.2	Y	N	No comment
5	104	59.7	170.1	172.0	Y	N	No comment
6	101	60.2	175.1	174.0	Y	N	No comment

Ambient Temp.: 62 °F

Wind Speed: 3 mph

Direction: 128° SE

REMARKS: The brake was applied within 5 seconds after activation of the low-pressure warning. Actual and corrected stopping distances for each run do not exceed the maximum stopping distance of **613 ft.**

Application Pressure sensed at the treadle Control Line output port.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 20
PARK BRAKE TEST
20% GRADE HOLDING-LLVW**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No.: C30900

Driver: K. Easterday Date: 10-10-02

Parking Brake Chamber Pressure 0 psi

20% GRADE HOLDING-LLVW

<u> </u> GVWR <u> X </u> LLVW	Initial Brake Temperature (°F)	Control Pressure to Hold Vehicle (psi)	Movement to Become Stationary on Grade (inches)	Stationary on Grade For 5 minutes	
				Yes	No
Up Grade	LR-182°, RR-177°	18.2	0	X	
Down Grade	LR-172°, RR-177°	24.2	0	X	

Ambient Temp.: 63 °F

Wind Speed: 2 mph

Direction: 86° E

REMARKS: The test vehicle remained stationary of the grade facing upgrade and downgrade for the required 5-minute periods.

**ROAD TESTS
TABLE 21
FINAL INSPECTION**

Vehicle: 2003 Blue Bird, All American School Bus NHTSA Vehicle No : C30900

Date: 10-16-02 Driver: K. Easterday Observer: None

Brake Stroke Measurements at full treadle apply

Axle 1 Left/Right 5/8 in. / 5/8 in.

Axle 2 Left/Right 3/8 in. / 1/2 in.

Axle 3 Left/Right N/A / N/A

Service Brakes	YES	NO
All Brakes Structurally Intact	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
All Brakes Function Properly	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
All Brakes Adjusted Within Manufacturer's Recommendation	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Final Odometer: 1,630 mi.

REMARKS: No lining tear out was observed. All brake parts were undamaged. No lubricant appeared to contaminate the linings. The front linings appeared to have approximately 85% total averaged drum contact. The rear linings appeared to have approximately 85% total averaged drum contact. Drums presented slight material transfer, moderate polish and light debris. Overall, drums and linings presented normal appearance and color.

Section 5.0

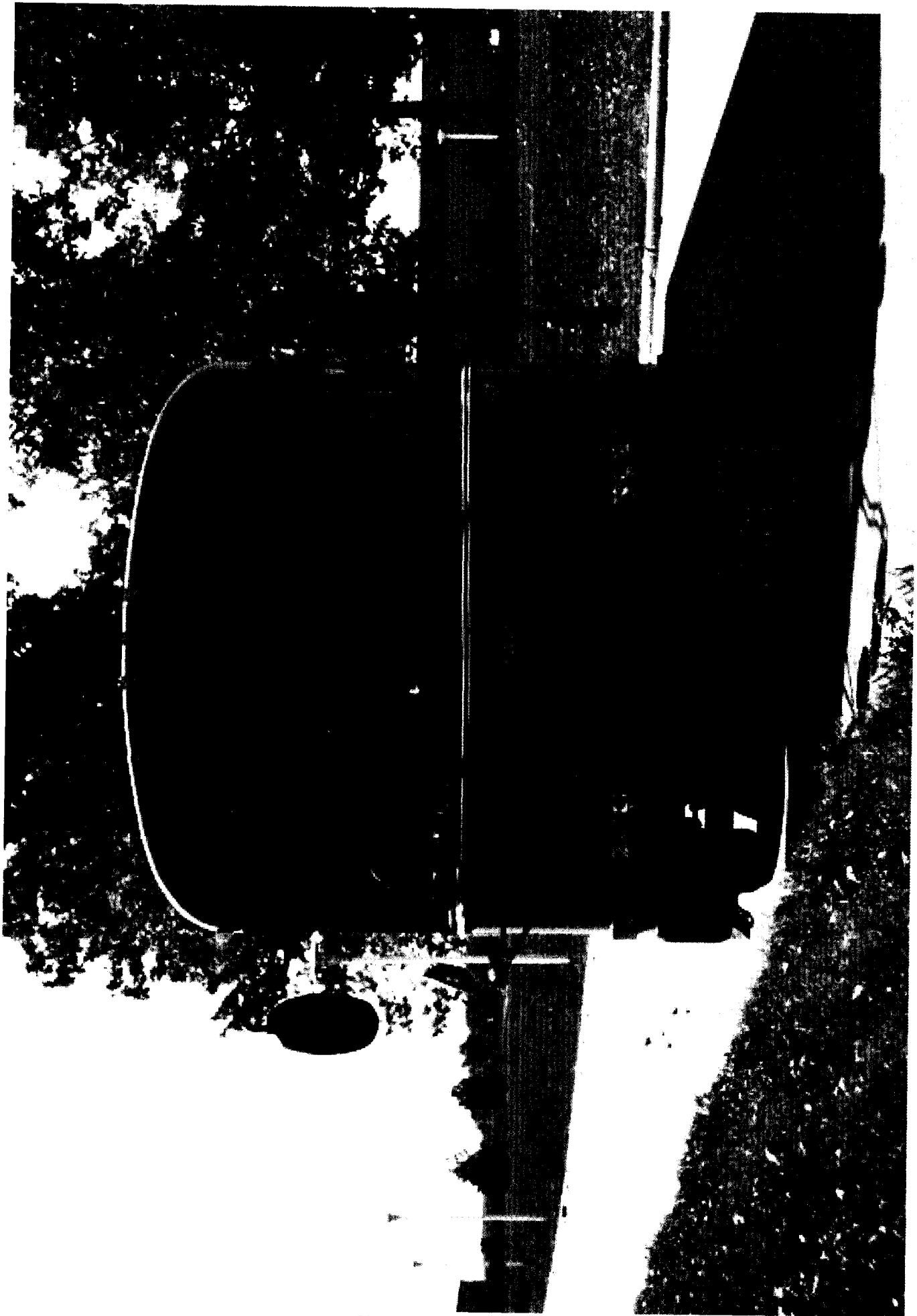
Instrumentation List

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Instrumentation List

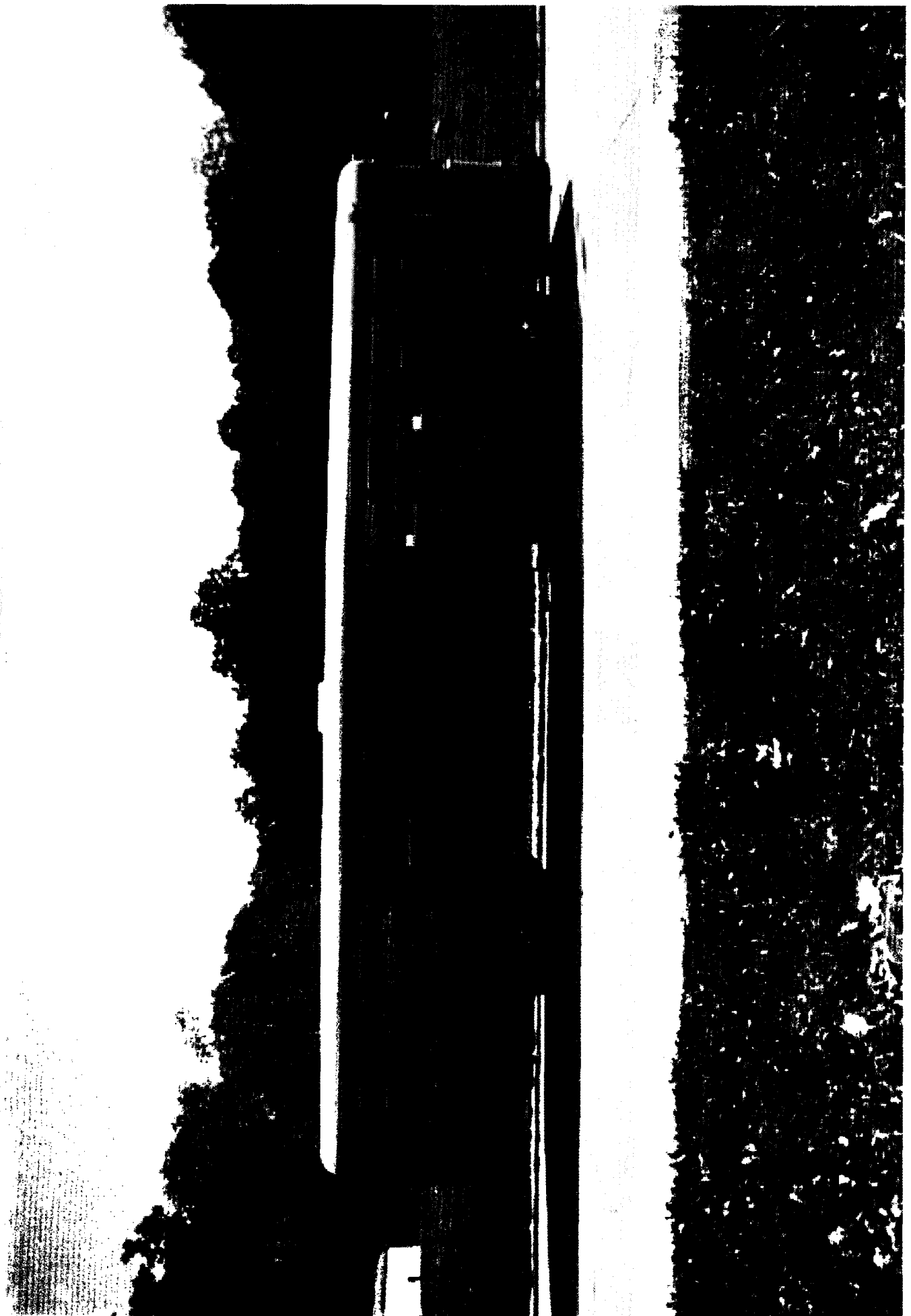
Instrumentation	Description	Serial Number (I.D. No.)	Calibration Date	Next Calibration Date
A-DAT DSR-6 Radar Fifth Wheel	Used to measure speed & distance	140.0119	Daily on a measured mile	
Servo-Tec Wheel Tach Generator	Used to indicate wheel lock	Type ST-7337A- 2N (typical)	No calibration. All output voltages at 10 mph	
Both Front Wheel Generator	Used to indicate wheel lock	"	"	
Both Intermeds. Wheel Generator	Used to indicate wheel lock	"	"	Not Appl.
Both Rear Wheel Generators	Used to indicate wheel lock	"	"	
Fluke Model 77 Multimeter	Used to measure wheel tach voltage output	Model 26	06/14/02	06/14/03
Sensotec Load Cell	Used to measure draw bar force for static retardation test	297645	10/03/02	10/03/03
Sensotec Pressure Transducer	Used to measure primary control line pressure	PT-355434	Calibrated before test using a dead weight calibrator	
Sensotec Pressure Transducer	Used to measure primary reservoir pressure	PT-827090	Calibrated before test using a dead weight calibrator	
Sensotec Pressure Transducer	Used to measure left front brake chamber pressure	PT-351132	Calibrated before test using a dead weight calibrator	
Sensotec Pressure Transducer	Used to measure right inter. brake chamber pressure	N/A	Calibrated before test using a dead weight calibrator	Not Utilized
Sensotec Pressure Transducer	Used to measure right rear brake chamber pressure	PT-359018	Calibrated before test using a dead weight calibrator	
United States Gauge Pressure Transducer	Used to visually measure control line pressure	AG - 010	04/04/02	04/04/03
Setra Accelerometer	Used to indicate brake treadle movement and deceleration	A167627	08/09/02	08/09/03
Dead weight Calibrator	Used to calibrate pressure transducers	DW-6253	01/04/02	01/04/03
LINK System	Used for data acquisition	2030	04/09/02	04/09/03
Toledo Mettler Scales	Used for determining mass	SCIS-6118485- 6TX	08/13/02	11/13/02
Dell PC (used with LINK)	Used for data acquisition	43270	Not Appl.	Not Appl.

APPENDIX A

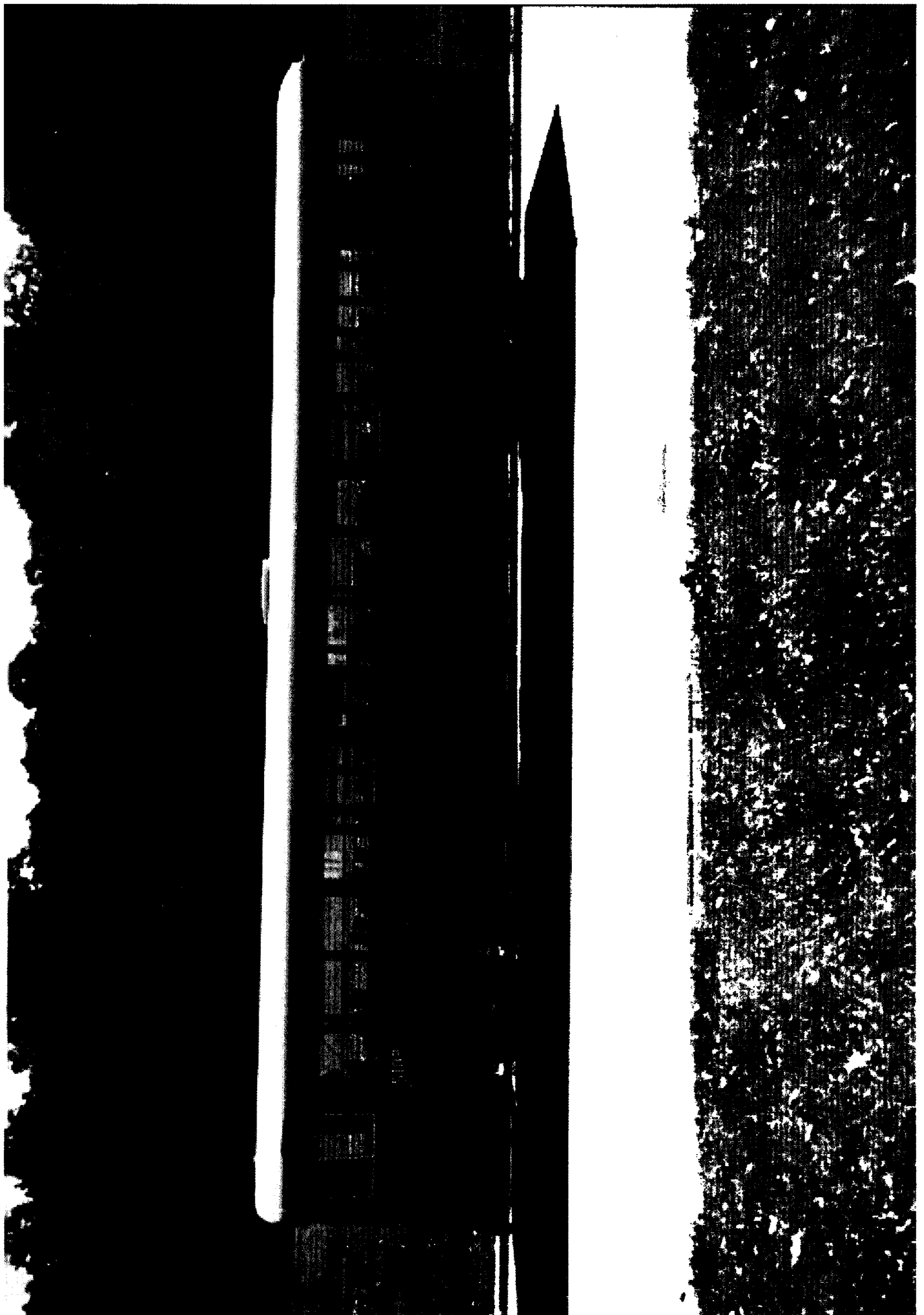
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GVWR- Front View



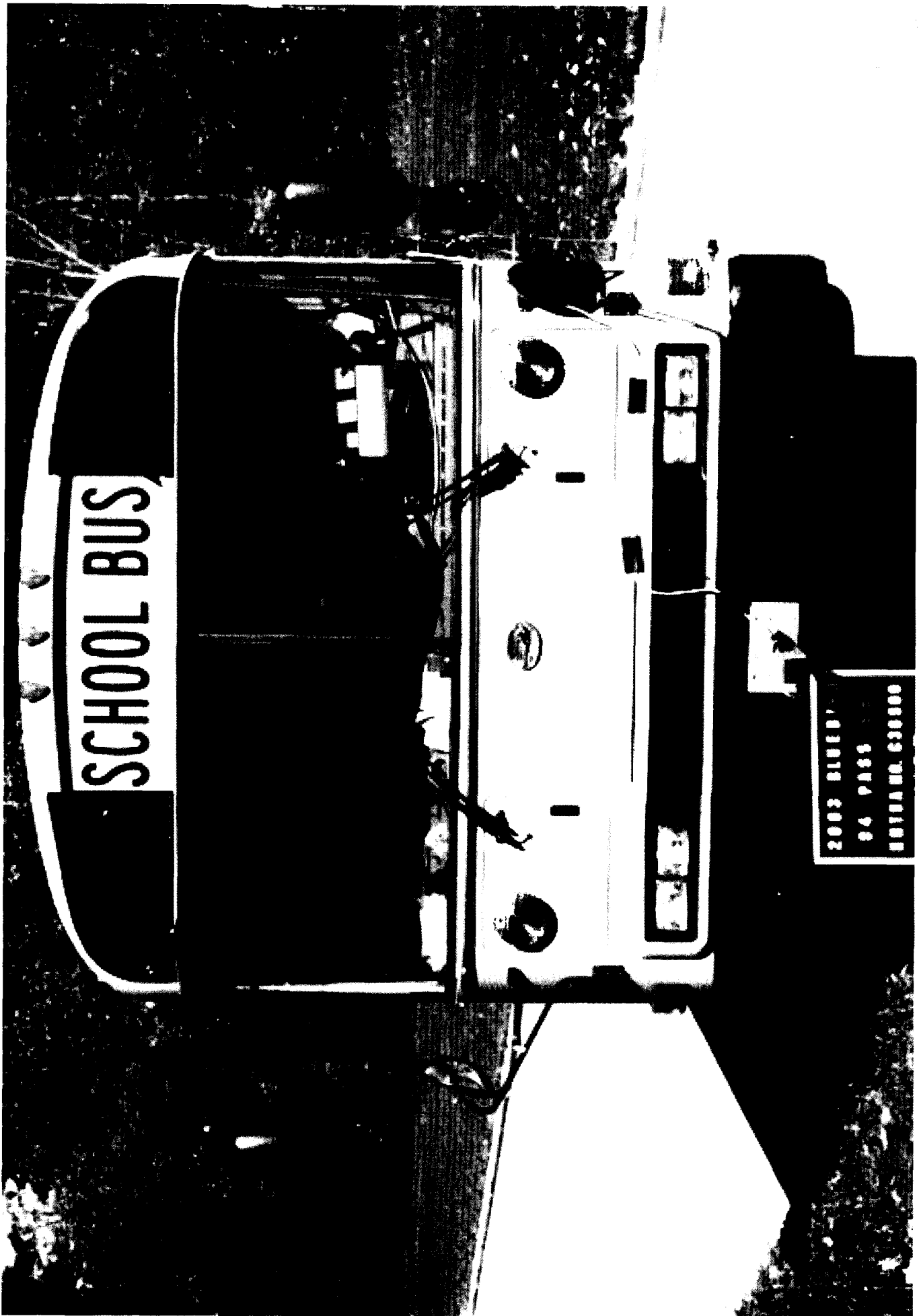
GVWR- Right Side View



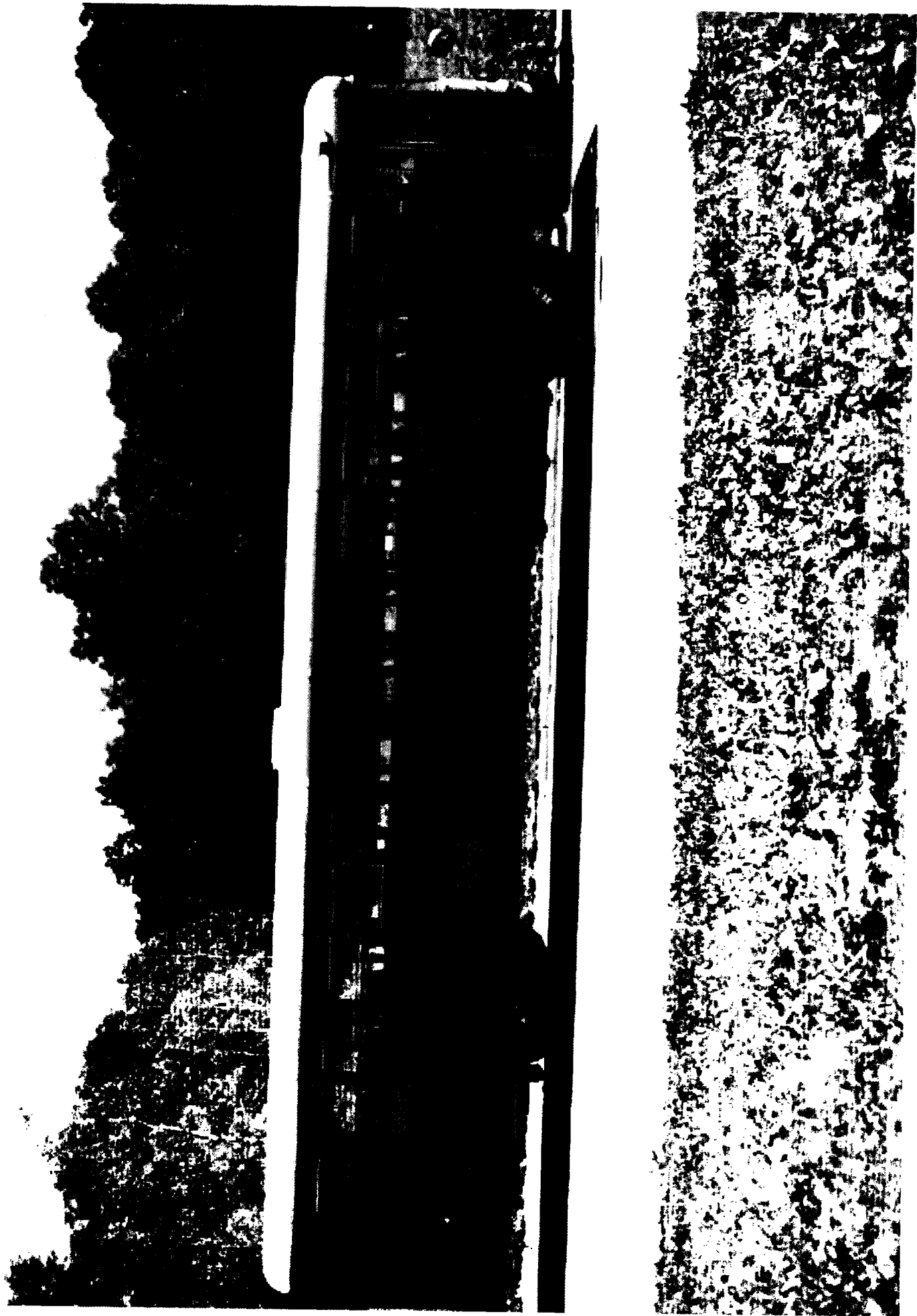
GVWR- Left side view



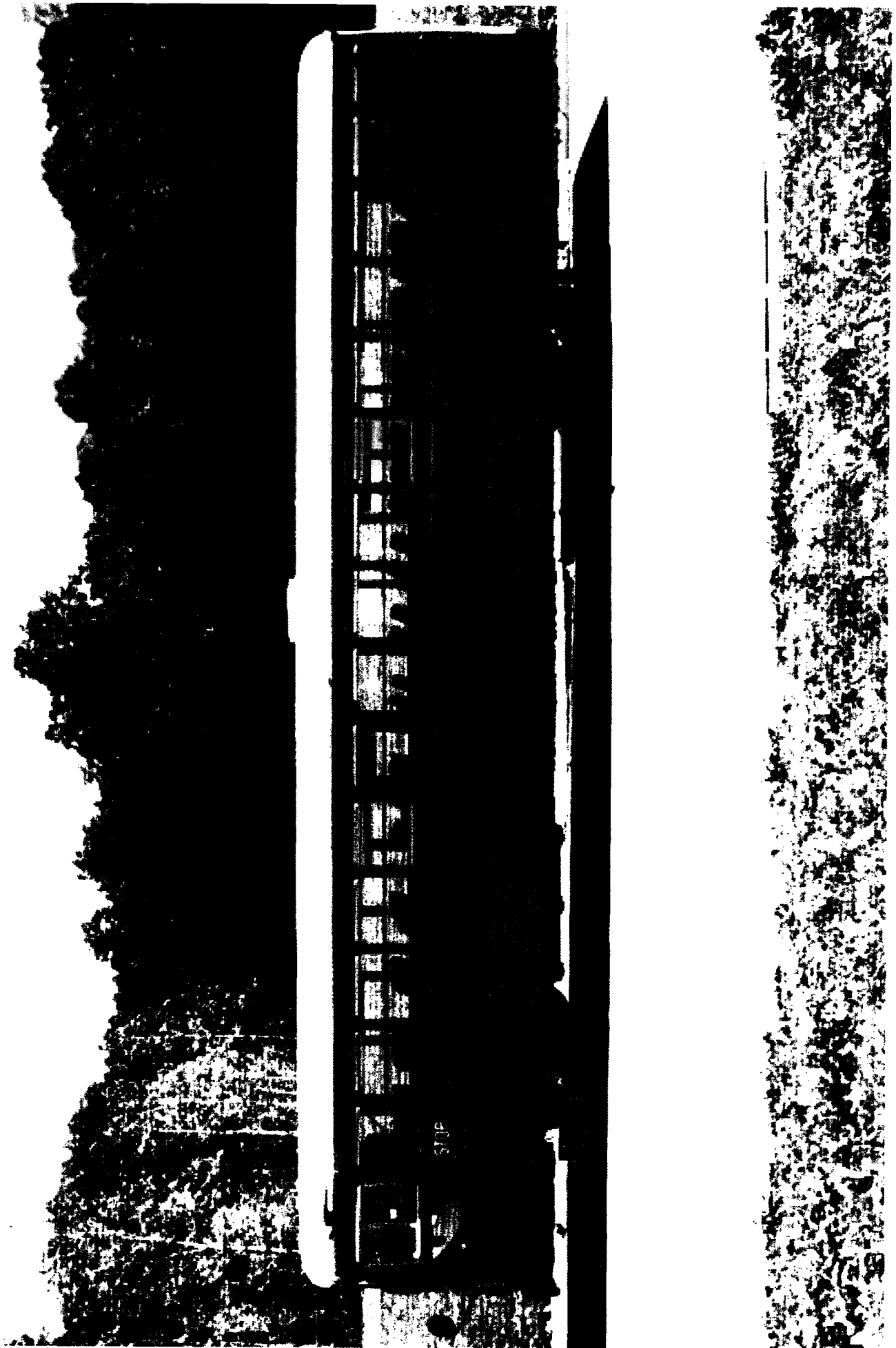
GVWR- Rear View



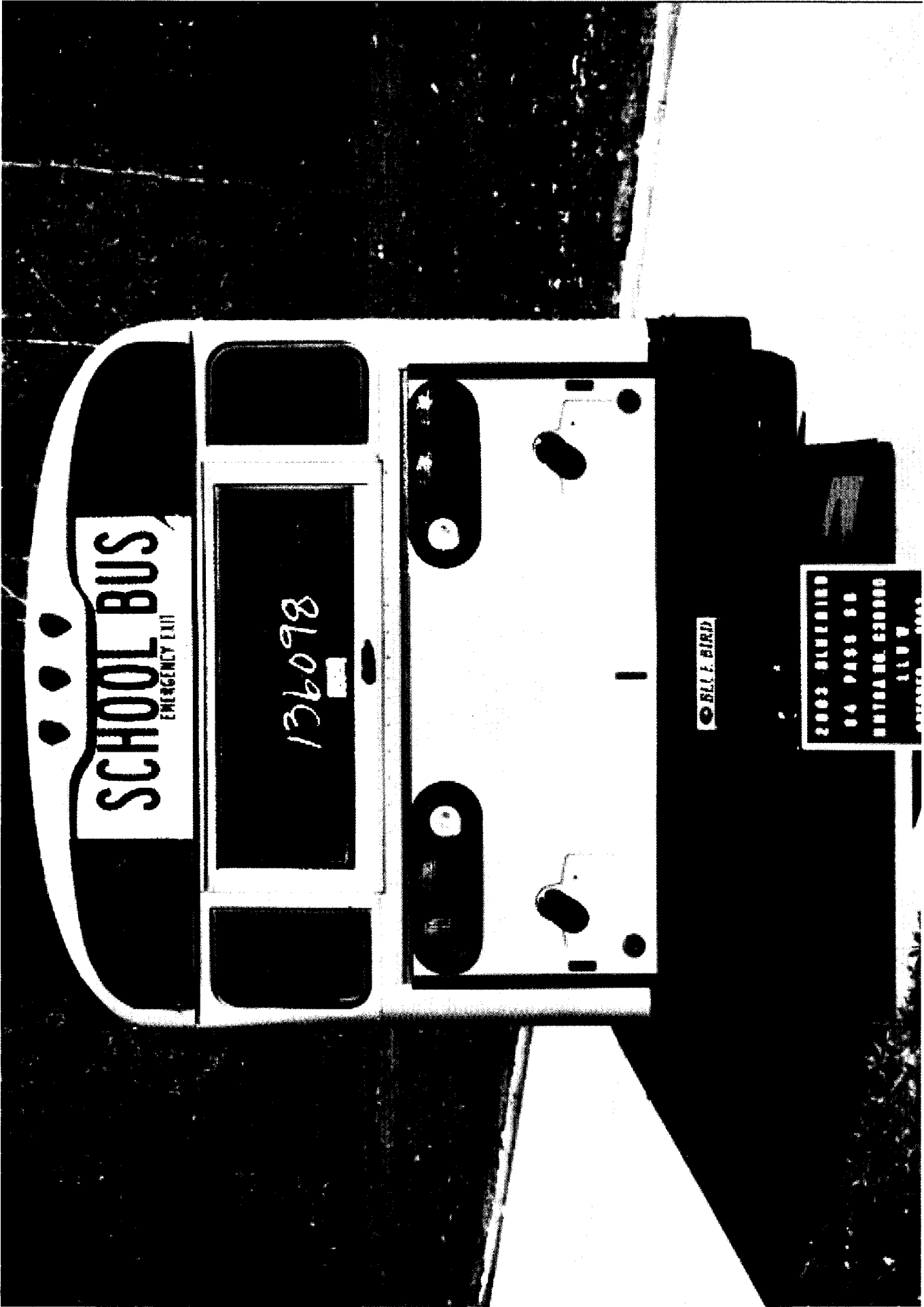
LLVW- Front View



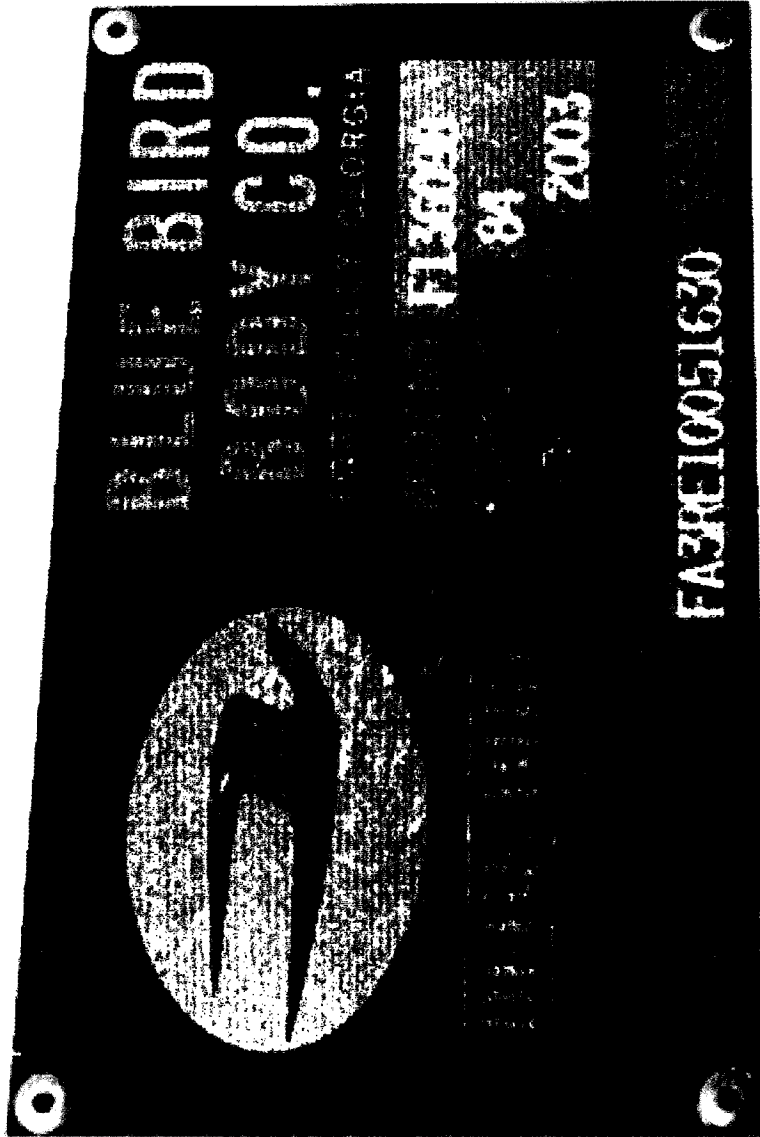
LLVW- Right Side View



LLVW- Left Side View



LLVW- Rear View



2003 BLUE BIRD

SCHOOL BUS

NHTSA NO.: C30900

SEPTEMBER 2002

STATE SCHOOL BUS STANDARDS IN EFFECT AT
TIME OF MANUFACTURE.

FURNISH INFORMATION BELOW WHEN ORDERING

CHASSIS
SERIAL

210494

ENGINE
SERIAL

4623123

TRANSMISSION

6510380766

CATALYST
NO. & DATE

N/A

FRONT
AXLE

0045442

FRONT
DRUM

0003373

REAR
AXLE

0050197

REAR
DRUM

0003373

REAR AXLE
RATIO

5.38

REAR AXLE
DIFFERENTIAL

0003373

CHASSIS SERVICE NO.

F 33R 1014323

MANUFACTURED BY
BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

DATE OF MFR. **AUG 2002**
SUITABLE TIRE - RIM CHOICE

GVWR **35200**

GAWP FRONT **15200** WITH **11R22.5H** TIRES

8.25X22.5 RIMS AT **115** PSI COLD SINGLE

GAWR: REAR **23000** WITH **11R22.5H** TIRES

8.25X22.5 RIMS AT **115** PSI COLD DUAL

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

V.I.N. **1B8BNBP33F210494** CLASSIFICATION **SCHGEL BUS**

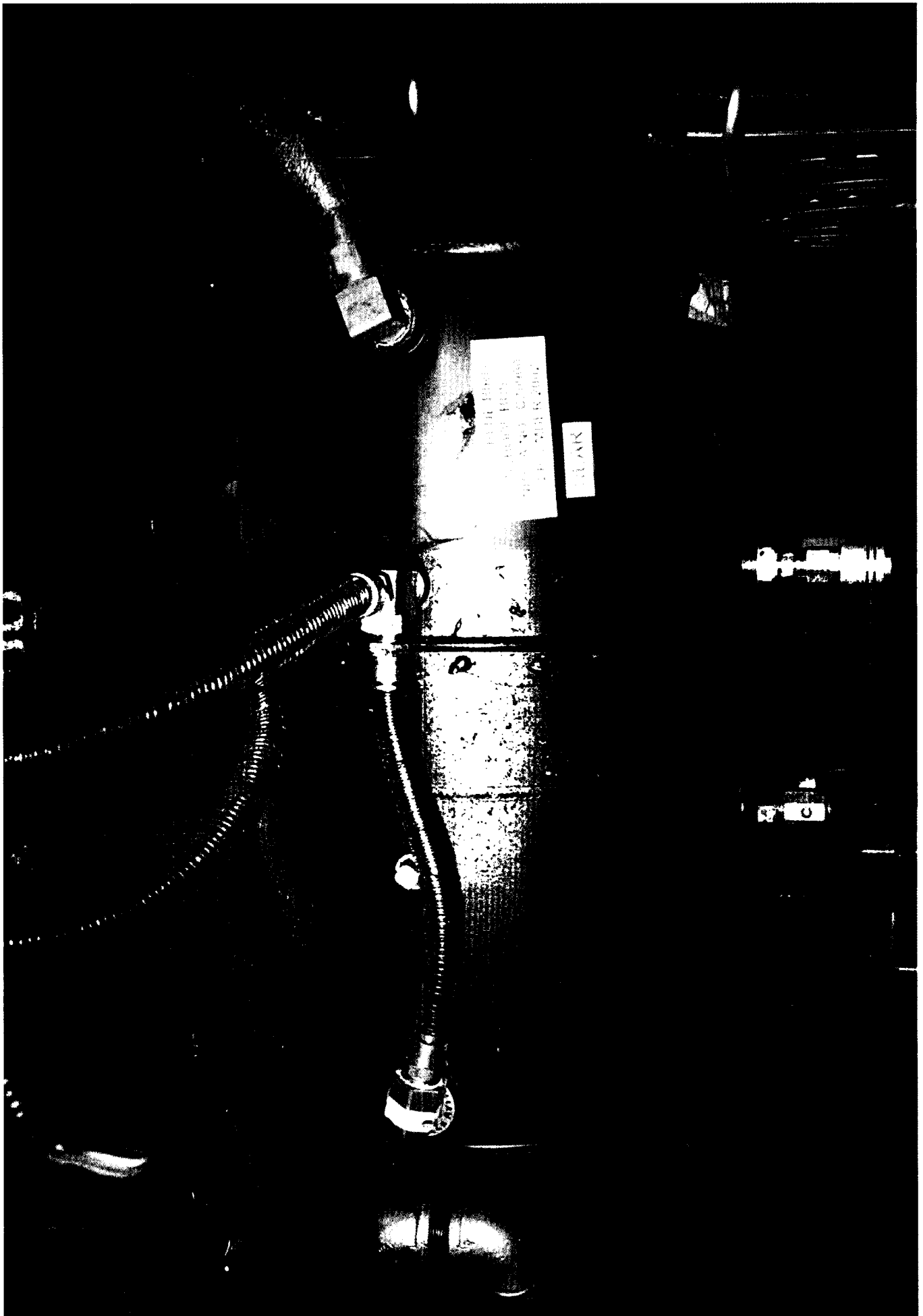
**2003 BLUE BIRD
SCHOOL BUS
NHTSA NO.. C30900
SEPTEMBER 2002**

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY THAT BODY
HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITH STANDARD AND/OR
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT THAT MEETS THE COLORADO
RACKING LOAD TEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH UTAH
STATE SCHOOL BUS STANDARDS IN EFFECT AT
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**2003 BLUE BIRD
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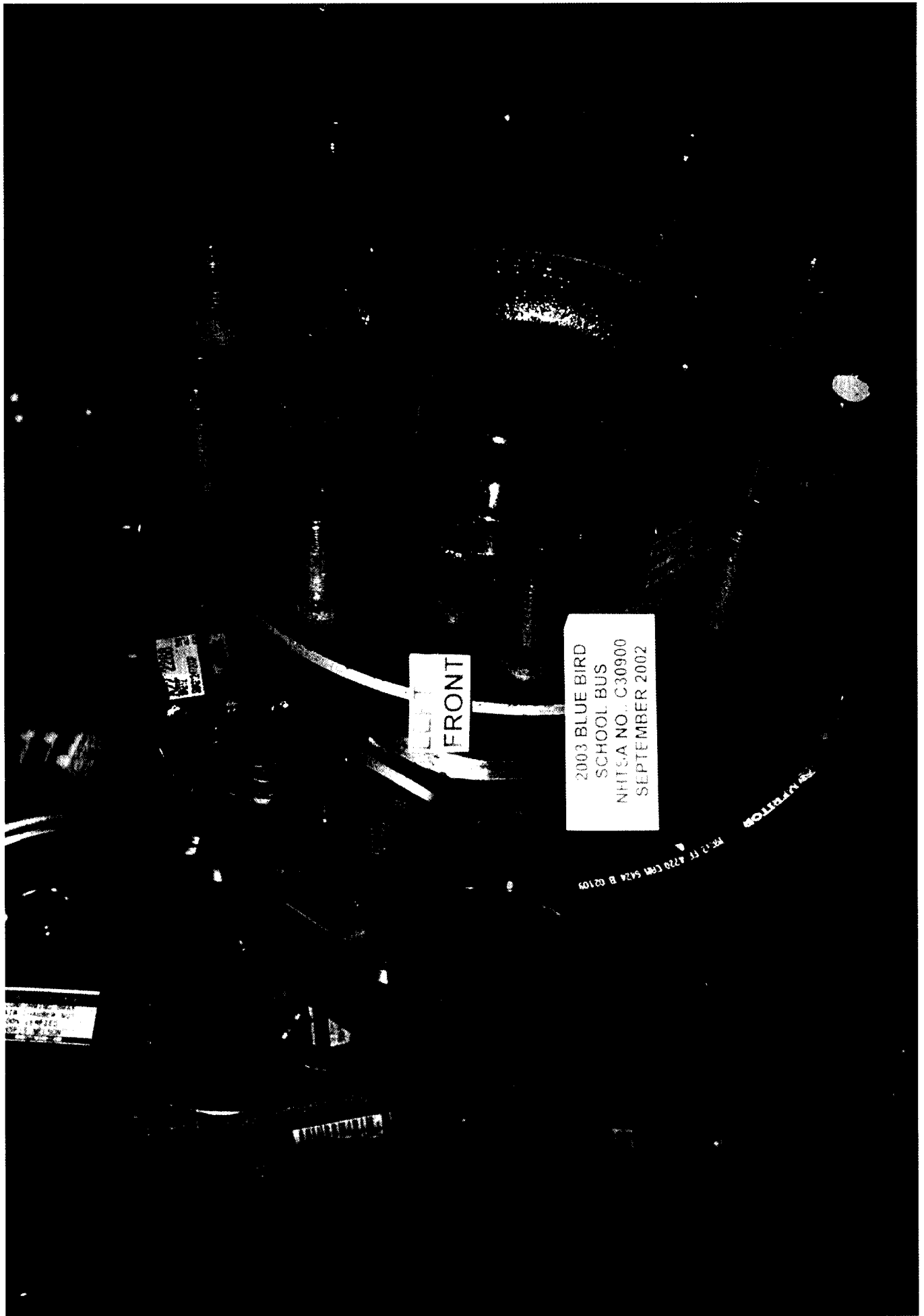
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Combination Accessory and Secondary (Front) Reservoir



Auxiliary Supply (Wet) Reservoir



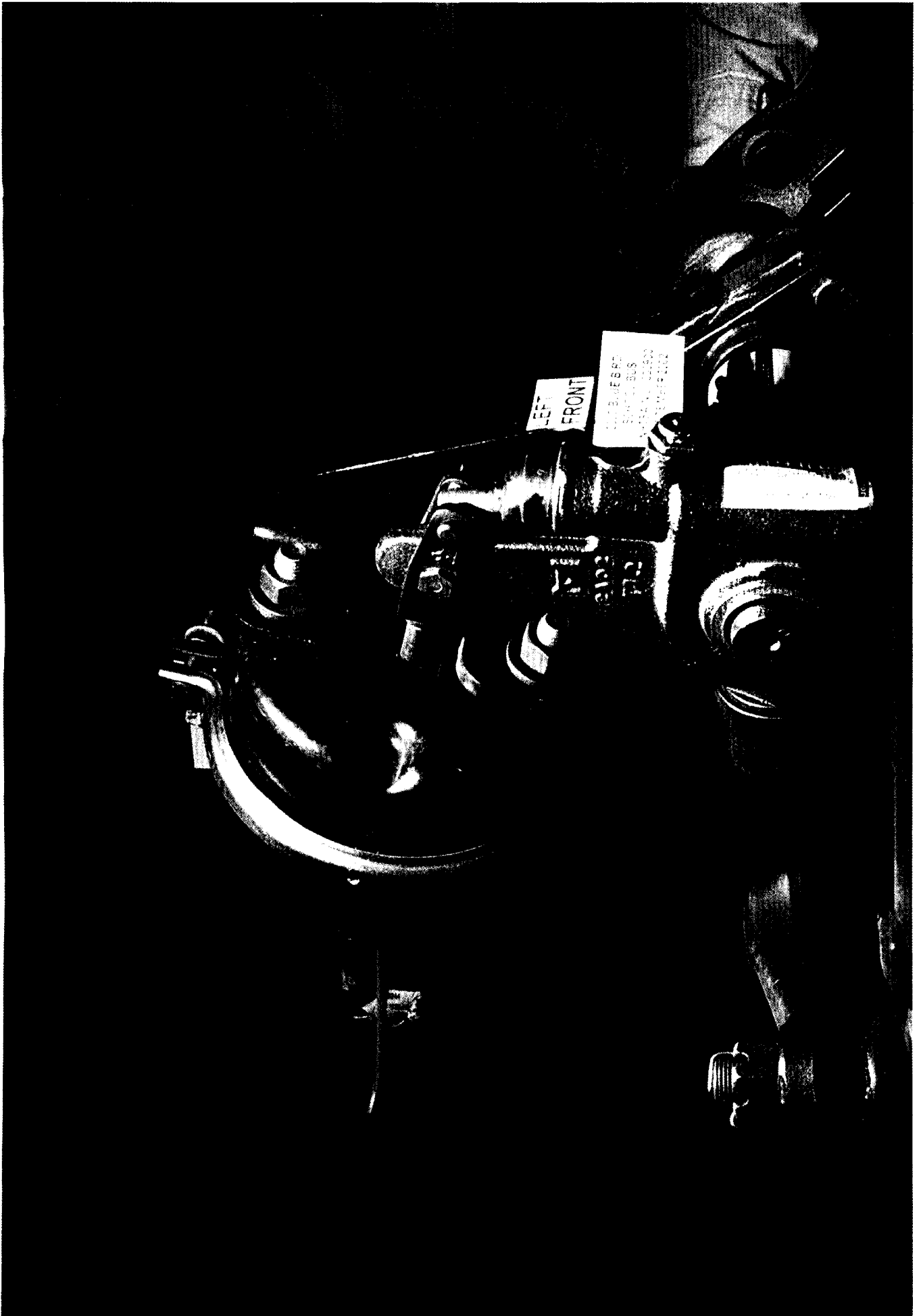
Left Front Brake Assembly

2003 BLUE BIRD
SCHOOL BUS
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SEPTEMBER 2002

LEFT
FRONT



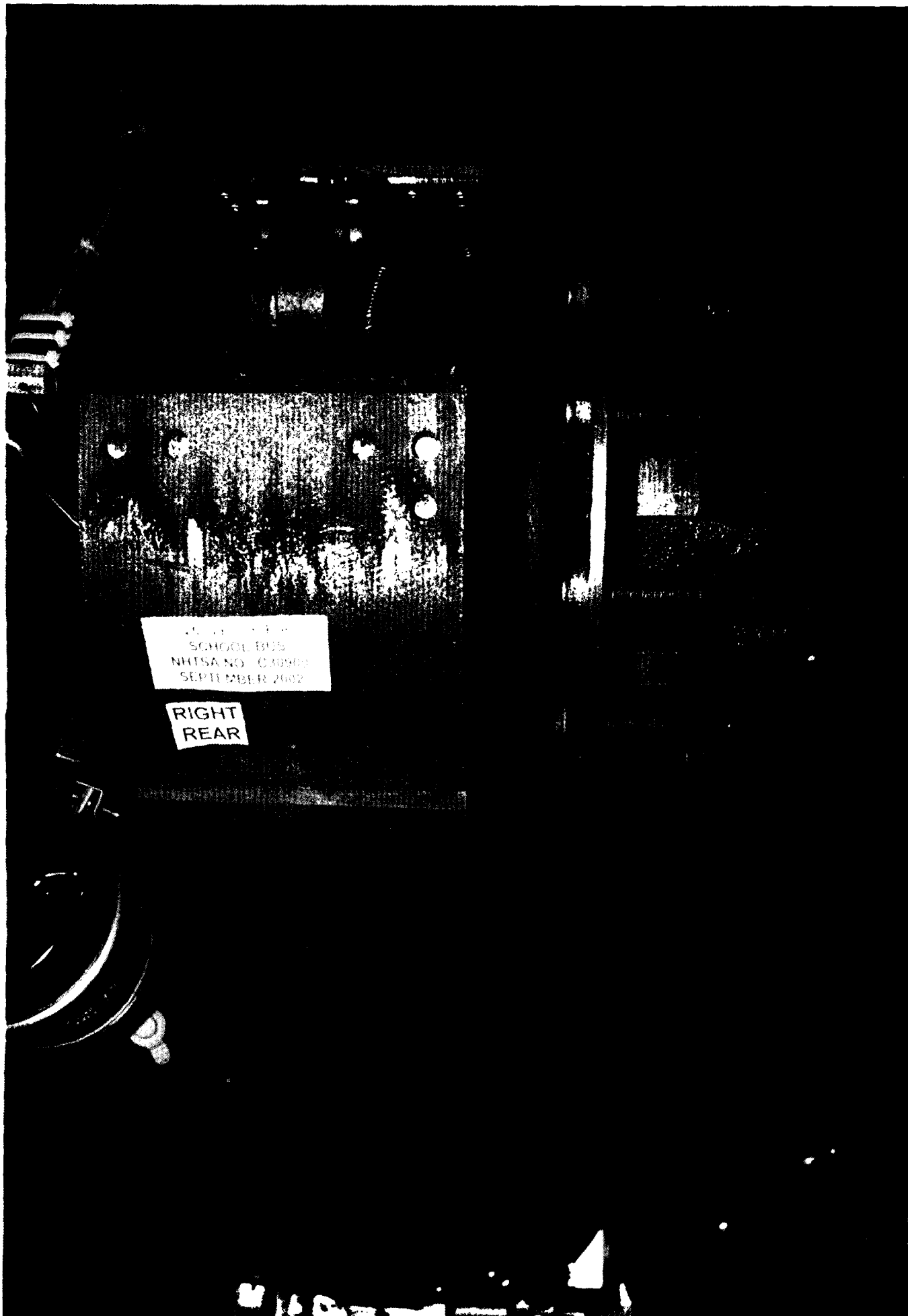
Left Front Brake Chamber



Left Front Slack Adjuster



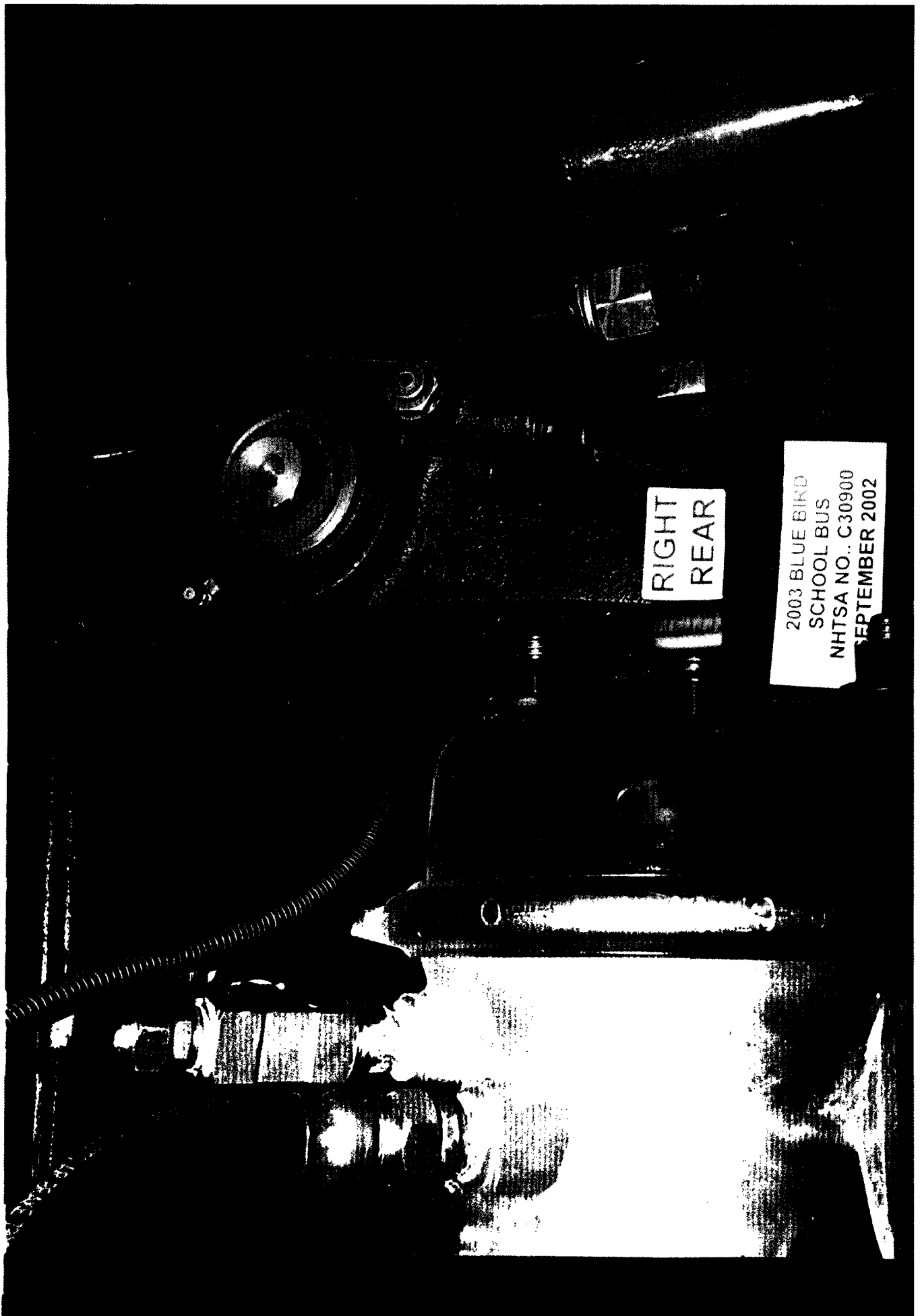
Right Rear Brake Assembly



Right Rear Thermocouple Installation



Right Rear Brake Chamber



Right Rear Slack Adjuster



ABS Electronic Control Module



Front ABS Modulator (typ)

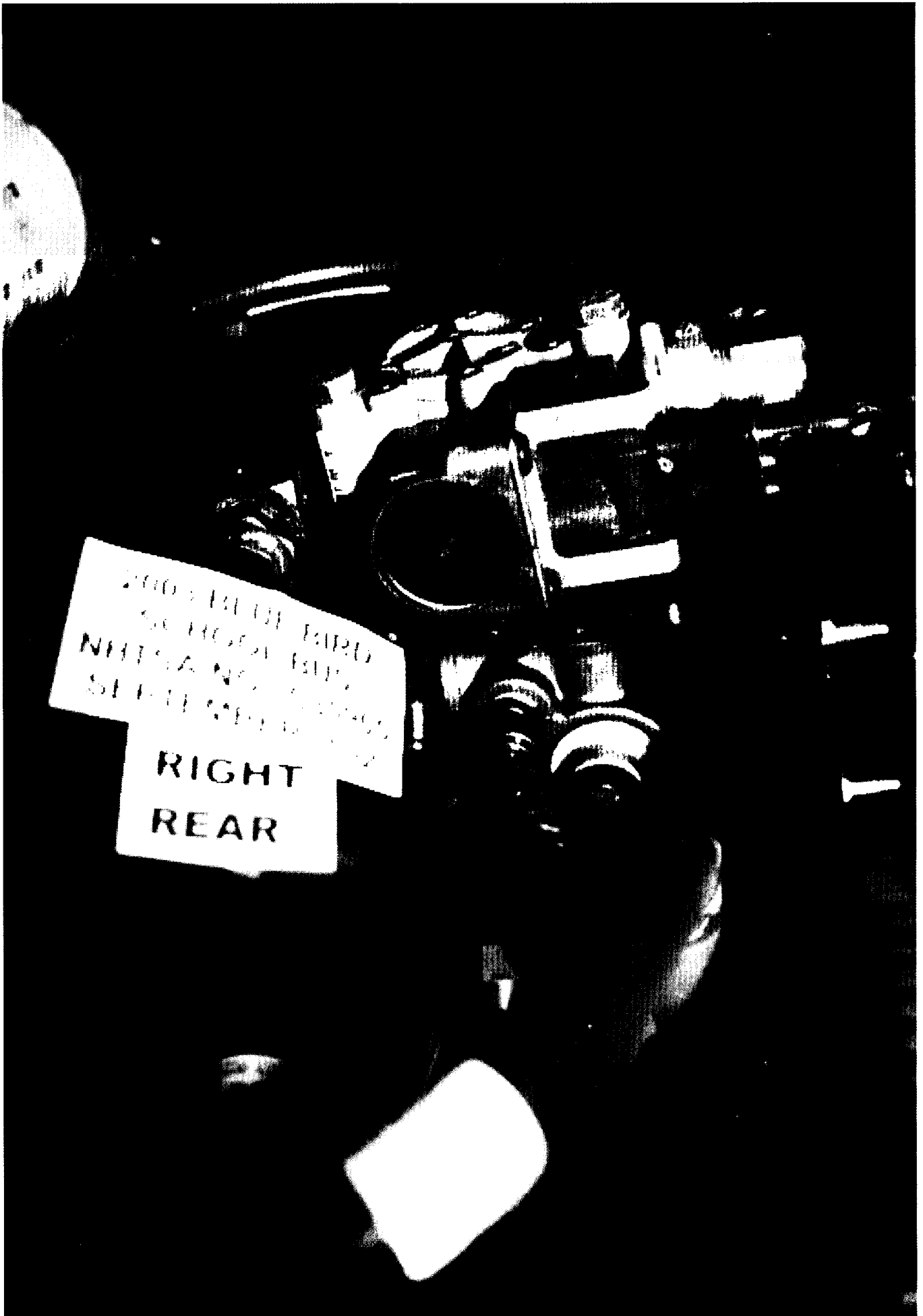


LEFT
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2003 BLUE BIRD
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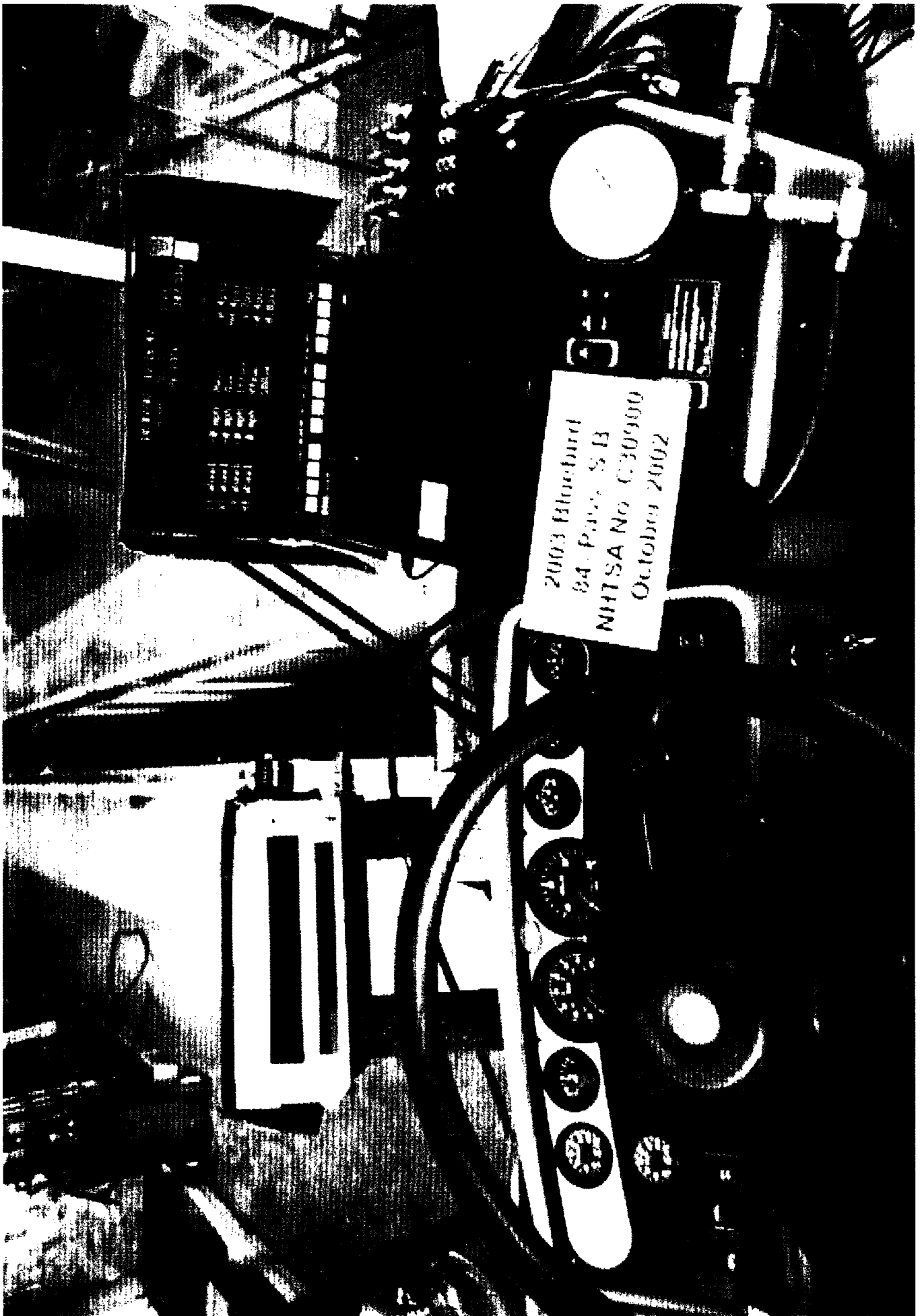
Left Front ABS Angular Velocity Sensor



Rear ABS Modulator (typ)

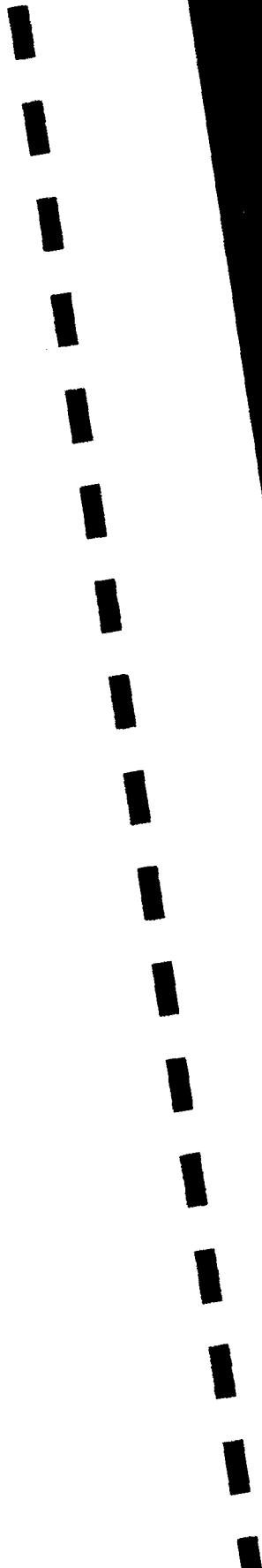


Right Rear ABS Angular Velocity Sensor



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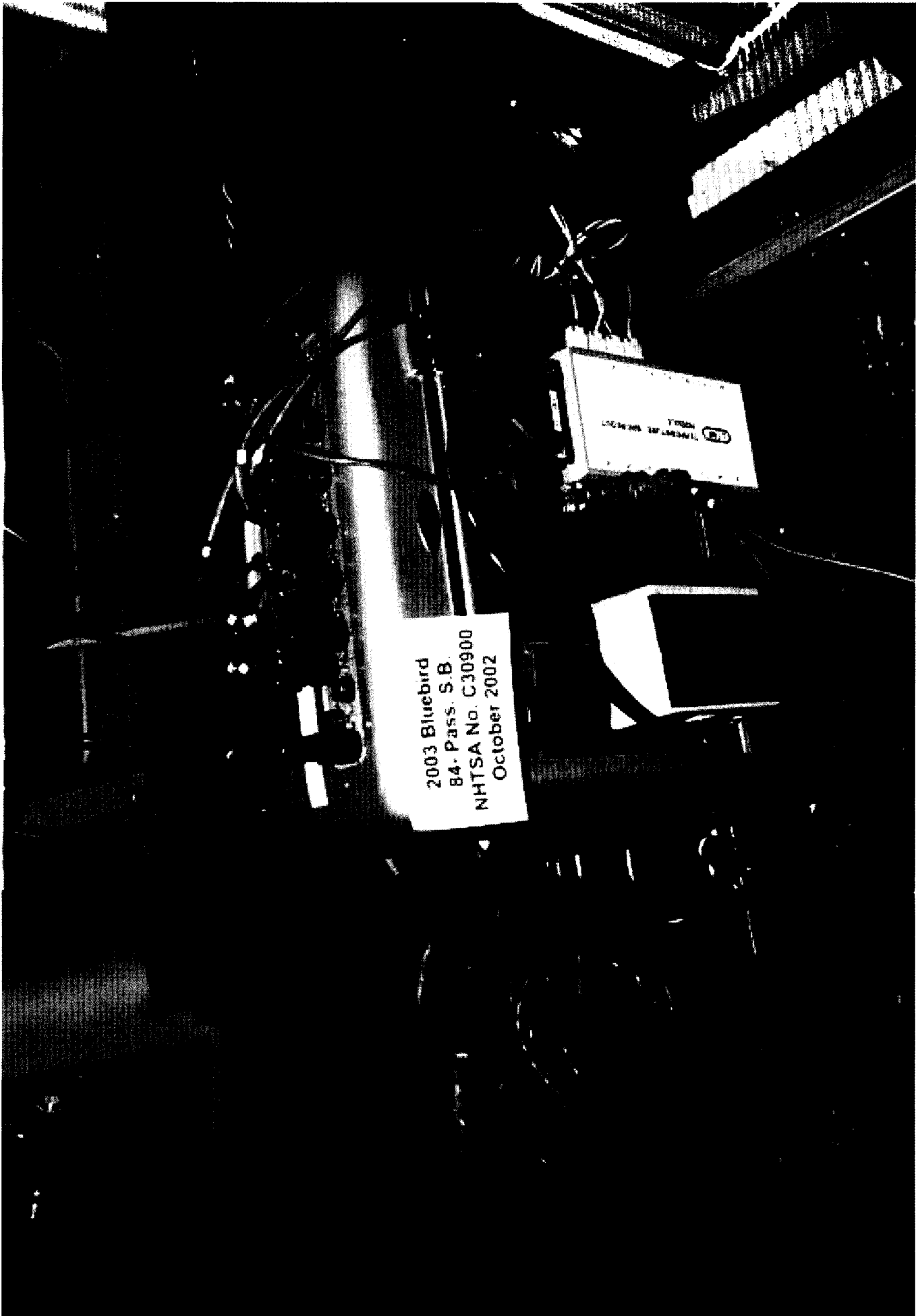
Instrumentation in Vehicle



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2011 Ford
541
NHTSA No. 1000000
October 2011





Instrumentation in Vehicle



Ballast in Vehicle



2003 Bluebird
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NHTSA No. C30900
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WAR SALT
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Ballast in Vehicle

APPENDIX B

MANUFACTURER SUPPLIED INFORMATION

DATE - 06/12/02

PRODUCTION ORDER FOR *** BODY NO. F136098 ***

SCHEDULE NO. 02-28

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CONTROLLED DOCUMENT
ELECTRICAL
EMERGENCY DOOR LS 2PIN
6LH
VENT, SPEC, FULL POP UP, VALUE, W/VENT
RTH
WIRING, CL/MK/ID, PARK LGT CONTROLLED
LIGHTS, CL/MK, TEAR DRP, 2 AMPER, 2 RSR
LIGHTS, ID, TEAR DRP
LIGHTS, CL/MK, TEAR DROP
LIGHTS, DOME, 6 CANDLEPOWER
FLASHER, W/L SYSTEM, WELDON
HOODS, WARNING LIGHTS, INDIVIDUAL
LIGHTS, WIRING, INCAN, 8-LGT, WELDON
SEQUENCE, W/L SYSTEM, NON-SEQUENTIAL
SWITCH, W/L MASTER, LOC, RH
30210-04 SWITCH, W/L START, LOC, RH
30210-10 LIGHTS, PILOT, W/L SYSTEM, LOC, RH
30210-12 SWITCH, DOOR CONTROL, LOC, RH
30211-04 SWITCH, W/L START, LOC, RH
30218-02 CONTRCLS, CONFIG, W/L, OPT #4, 8-LGT, RH
30225-01 SWITCH, W/L MASTER, GREEN PILOT
30228-02 SWITCH, W/L START, MANUAL
30295-03 INDICATOR, W/L SYSTEM, AMBER/RED
*30295-03 STOP ARM LOCATION, FRONT
*30296-04 STOP ARM W/LIGHT, NON-REFL, AIR
30316-01 WIRING, W/L SYSTEM, 14 GA
31201-01 WIRING, P/B WINDOW, DRS BUZ. ONLY
31201-04 BUZZER, REAR EMERG WINDOW
31201-05 BUZZER, L/H SIDE EMERG DOOR
*40177-04 ENGINE, CUMN ISB, DSL, EPA CERT, 225HP

30395-02 PAINT DESIGN, BKGROUND, WRRG LIGHT

SEATS
28 SEATS *** SEATING CAPACITY = 04, BASED ON OPTIONS LISTED IN DATA BOOK ***
13 DOT SCHOOL BUS SEAT 39IN 12700-02 SB 39 FLIP SEAT LH
12 DOT SCHOOL BUS SEAT 39IN 30920-04 BARRIER, 39 INCH
DOT-IF SB SEATS REAR 39L-39R 30920-04 BARRIER, 39 INCH

ACCESSORIES
30295-03 STOP ARM LOCATION, FRONT
30296-04 STOP ARM W/LIGHT, NON-REFL, AIR

REFERENCE
30121-02 WIRING, DIR, REAR
30121-04 WIRING, DIP, REAR, ENGINE COMPARTMENT
30297-01 WIRING, S/ARM, VAC/AIR, W/INCAND LGTS
30327-01 ENGLISH SWITCH PANEL

* * * PUT A PARTS MANUAL IN THIS UNIT * * *
BODYPLAN
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APPENDIX C

ENGINEER'S COMMENTS

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The test vehicle acquired was essentially new and in excellent operating condition. For this test, the brake components as installed on the new test vehicle, were utilized.

The test vehicle was provided by NHTSA/OVSC and was driven from the manufacturer in Georgia to TRC while towing the driver's chase vehicle.

The rear drive axle ran hotter than the steer axle throughout the burnish. The average rear drive axle temperatures were approximately 480° F, and steer axle approximately 300° F. The maximum temperature of 553° F occurred at the right rear drive axle brake. The maximum side-to-side axle temperature differential of 86° F occurred at the rear axle during snub 250. The rear axle temperature differentials varied from 50 to 90 degrees throughout the burnish.