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SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a MY2005 Blue Bird School Bus Model Vision, NHTSA No. C50901, in accordance with the specifications of the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Test Procedures TP-111SB-00 to determine compliance to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 111, "School Bus Rearview Mirrors."

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SECTION 2 TEST DATA SUMMARY

Based on the tests performed, the MY2005 Blue Bird School Bus, Model Vision, NHTSA No. C50901 appears to meet all of the requirements of FMVSS 111. See Test Summary Data Sheets on the following pages.

FMVSS 111SB, SCHOOL BUS REARVIEW MIRRORS <u>TEST SUMMARY DATA SHEETS</u>

Test Vehicle: 2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus NHTSA No.: C50901
Test Lab: MGA Research-Wisconsin Operations Test Date: 6/1/05

System A Mirrors

A. Outside Driver Side Mirror #3 - Unit Magnification

Requirements	Pass/Fail	Comments
Mounting	PASS	
Field of View	PASS	
Surface Area	PASS	
Reflectance	PASS	
Unit Magnification	PASS	

B. Outside Passenger Side Mirror #4 - Unit Magnification

Requirements	Pass/Fail	Comments
Mounting	PASS	
Field of View	PASS	
Surface Area	PASS	
Reflectance	PASS	
Unit Magnification	PASS	

C. Outside Driver Side Mirror #5 - Convex

Requirements	Pass/Fail	Comments
Mounting	PASS	
Field of View	PASS	
Reflectance	PASS	

D. Outside Passenger Side Mirror #6 - Convex

Requirements	Pass/Fail	Comments
Mounting	PASS	
Field of View	PASS	
Reflectance	PASS	

FMVSS 111SB, SCHOOL BUS REARVIEW MIRRORS TEST SUMMARY DATA SHEETS...continued

Test Vehicle: 2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus NHTSA No.: C50901
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System B Mirrors

E. Driver Side Front Mirror #1 - Cross View

Requirements	Pass/Fail	Comments
Mounting	PASS	
Field of View	PASS	
Overlap with System A	PASS	
Distance to Eye Point	PASS	
No Surface Discontinuities	PASS	
Surface Area	PASS	
If Convex – Radius of Curvature	PASS	
Radius of Curvature Label	PASS	
Arc Separation	PASS	
Reflectance	PASS	

F. Passenger Side Front Mirror #2 - Cross View

Requirements	Pass/Fail	Comments
Mounting	PASS	
Field of View	PASS	
Overlap with System A	PASS	
Distance to Eye Point	PASS	
No Surface Discontinuities	PASS	
Surface Area	PASS	
If Convex – Radius of Curvature	PASS	
Radius of Curvature Label	PASS	
Arc Separation	PASS	
Reflectance	PASS	

SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

FMVSS 111SB – DATA SHEET 1 SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION AND IDENTIFICATION

Test Vehicle: 2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus NHTSA No.: C50901
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GENERAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

Final Stage Manufacturer	Blue Bird	Date of Mfg.	09/2004
Chassis Manufacturer	Blue Bird	Date of Mfg.	09/2004
Seating Capacity (including driver)	39	GVWR (kg)	13612
VIN No.	1BAKGCKH05F227003	GAWR Front (kg)	4537
		GAWR Rear (kg)	9528

DESCRIPTION OF MIRRORS

		Type			
Mirror No.	Unit Mag	Convex	Cross View	Description	Manufacturer
1			Χ	Driver Side	
2			Χ	Passenger Side	
3	Χ			Driver Side	Rosco Mirror
4	Χ			Passenger Side	1709CO IVIIITOI
5		Х	Driver Side		
6		Х		Passenger Side	

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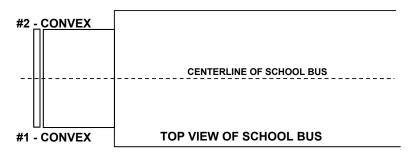
FMVSS 111SB – DATA SHEET 2 MIRROR LOCATION AND FIELD OF VIEW

Test Vehicle: 2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus NHTSA No.: C50901
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MIRROR DIAGRAM

#6 LOWERMIRROR CONVEX

#4 UPPERMIRROR UNIT



#3 UPPERMIRROR UNIT

#5 LOWERMIRROR CONVEX

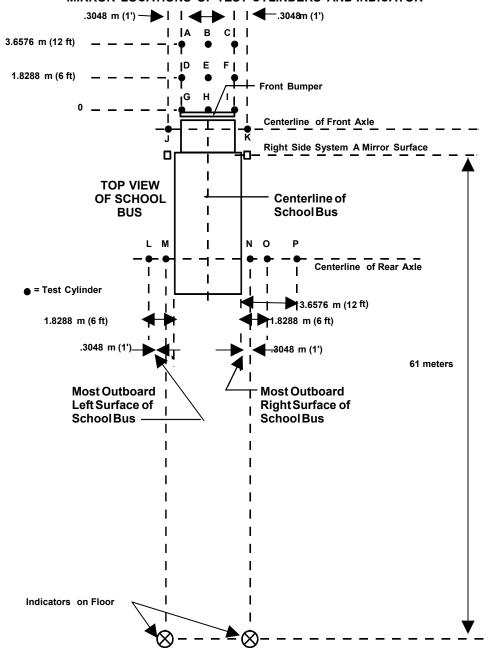
MIRROR NO.	TYPE	MIRROR SYSTEM	CYLINDERS VIEWED (entire top surface)
1	CROSS VIEW/CONVEX	В	B,C,E,F,H,I,J,L,M
2	CROSS VIEW/CONVEX	В	A,D,E,F,G,H,K,N,O,P
3	UNIT MAGNIFICATION	А	61 Meter INDICATOR
4	UNIT MAGNIFICATION	А	61 Meter INDICATOR
5	CONVEX	А	L,M, 61 Meter INDICATOR
6	CONVEX	А	N,O, 61 Meter INDICATOR

SEE FIGURE ON NEXT PAGE

FMVSS 111SB – DATA SHEET 2...continued MIRROR LOCATION AND FIELD OF VIEW

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MIRROR LOCATIONS OF TEST CYLINDERS AND INDICATOR



NOTES:

- 1. The cylinders shall be a color which provides a high contrast with the surface on which the bus is parked (S13.1).
- 2. The cylinders are 0.3048 m high and 0.3048 m in diameter, except for cylinder P which is 0.9144 m high and 0.3048 m in diameter.

FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 2...continued MIRROR LOCATION AND FIELD OF VIEW

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SYSTEM A AND DIRECT VISION

System A Mirrors	Pass/Fail
Entire top surface of cylinder N and the indicator 61 meters (200 feet) rearward of the mirror surface be viewed in the photograph	PASS
Entire top surface of cylinder M and indicator 61 meters (200 feet) rearward of the mirror surface be viewed in the photograph	PASS
Which test cylinders A through P can not be photographed directly from the driver's eye location within the semi-circle viewing area using no mirror system:	D,E,F,G,H, I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P

SYSTEM B ARC'S AND DISTANCE

Mirror Number (from data sheet 2)	Mirror Location	Distance from the Driver's Eye Point to the Center of the Mirror (cm)	3 Minutes of Arc (cm)	9 Minutes of Arc (cm)
#1	Left Front	281	0.245	
#2	Right Front	314	0.274	0.822

Distance determined in column 3 multiplied by 0.000873 yield 3 minutes of arc, for column 4, for that mirror as viewed from the driver's eye point; the distances determined in column 3 multiplied by 0.002618 yield 9 minutes of arc, for column 5, for that mirror as viewed from the driver's eye point. The minimum distance for any system B mirror between the driver's eye point and the center of the mirror is more than 95 centimeters:

Requirements	Distance	Pass/Fail
Distance between center of System B mirror #1 and driver's eye point	281 cm	PASS
Distance between center of System B mirror #2 and driver's eye point	314 cm	PASS

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FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 3 FIELD OF VIEW TEST – PHOTOGRAPHS System B

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Requirements	Pass/Fail
All test cylinders with entire top surface not of the driver's semi-circle eye location are able System B mirrors from the driver's semi-circle	PASS
All test cylinders with entire top surface not of the driver's semi-circle eye location but the inviewed with System B mirrors. The image is edge of the effective mirror surface of the mirror by a distance of not less than 3 minute.	PASS
If the entire top surface of test cylinder P is n from the driver's semi-circle eye location, the viewed with System B mirrors from the driver location, where the angular size of the shorter that cylinder's image is not less than 3 minut angular size of the longest dimension of that is not less than 9 minutes of arc:	PASS
Shortest arc length dimension	
Longest arc length dimension	
For each of the test cylinders whose entire to directly visible from the driver's eye location, provides a view of the ground that overlaps we the ground provided by System A.	PASS

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FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 4 MOUNTING ADEQUACY TEST

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MOUNTING SUPPORT OF ALL MIRRORS

Mirror No. (from data sheet 2)	Туре	System	Stable Support Yes/No
1	Cross View/Convex	В	Yes
2	Cross View/Convex	В	Yes
3	Unit Magnification	А	Yes
4	Unit Magnification	А	Yes
5	Convex	А	Yes
6	Convex	А	Yes

Requirements	Pass/Fail
Outside mirrors free of sharp points or edges that could contribute to pedestrian injury	PASS
System B mirrors have no discontinuities in the slope of the surface of the mirror	PASS

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FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 5 REFLECTANCE TEST – ALL MIRRORS

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Mirror No.	Туре	Light meter reading from calibration (FC)	Light meter reading from light reflected by mirror (FC)	Pass/Fail	Observations
1	Crossview/Convex	117	82	PASS	
2	Crossview/Convex	111	84	PASS	
3	Unit	106	72	PASS	
4	Unit	110	74	PASS	
5	Convex	120	85	PASS	
6	Convex	110	72	PASS	

Note: Reflectance% = [(Reflected Reading) / (Cal Reading)] x 100 Minimum Requirement = 35 percent

Mirror No.	Туре	Reflectance	Requirement
1	Crossview/Convex	70%	>35%
2	Crossview/Convex	76%	>35%
3	Unit	68%	>35%
4	Unit	67%	>35%
5	Convex	71%	>35%
6	Convex	65%	>35%

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FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 6 UNIT MAGNIFICATION/CONVEX MIRROR TEST – ALL MIRRORS

Test Vehicle: 2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus NHTSA No.: C50901
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CONVERSION DATA TABLE FROM SPHEROMETER DIAL READING TO RADIUS OF CURVATURE

MIRROR NO. 1 (CONVEX)

Test Postion	Dial Reading (inches)	Radius of Curvature (mm)	Deviation between the Average Radius of Curvature and the Test Position Radius of Curvature (mm)	Precent Deviation from the Average Radius of Curvature
1	0.05185	138.4	44.8	24.4%
2	0.03600	198.9	-15.7	-8.6%
3	0.02470	289.5	-106.3	-58.0%
4	0.05260	136.5	46.7	25.5%
5	0.05140	139.6	43.6	23.8%
6	0.03590	199.4	-16.2	-8.9%
7	0.05350	134.2	49.0	26.7%
8	0.02770	258.2	-75.0	-41.0%
9	0.05275	136.1	47.1	25.7%
10	0.03560	201.1	-17.9	-9.8%
Summa	Average Radius of Curvature - The Summation of the Radius of Curvature readings divided by 10 183.2		of Curvature	

MIRROR NO. 2 (CONVEX)

MILLION IN	0. <u>2 (CONV</u>			
Test Postion	Dial Reading (inches)	Radius of Curvature (mm)	Deviation between the Average Radius of Curvature and the Test Position Radius of Curvature (mm)	Precent Deviation from the Average Radius of Curvature
1	0.05145	139.5	44.1	24.0%
2	0.03615	198.1	-14.5	-7.9%
3	0.02385	299.8	-116.2	-63.3%
4	0.05205	137.9	45.7	24.9%
5	0.05145	139.5	44.1	24.0%
6	0.03605	198.6	-15.0	-8.2%
7	0.05235	137.1	46.5	25.3%
8	0.02885	248.0	-64.4	-35.1%
9	0.05185	138.4	45.2	24.6%
10	0.03595	199.2	-15.6	-8.5%
The Sum	Average Radius of Curvature - The Summation of the Radius of Curvature readings divided by 10 183.6			

FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 6...continued UNIT MAGNIFICATION/CONVEX MIRROR TEST – ALL MIRRORS

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CONVERSION DATA TABLE FROM SPHEROMETER DIAL READING TO RADIUS OF CURVATURE

MIRROR NO. 3 (UNIT MAGNIFICATION)

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Test	Dial	Radius of	Deviation between the Average	Precent
Postion	Reading	Curvature	Radius of Curvature and the	Deviation from
	(inches)	(mm)	Test Position Radius of	the Average
			Curvature (mm)	Radius of
				Curvature
1	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average	Average Radius of Curvature -		Greatest Percent Deviation from the Average	
The Sum	The Summation of the Radius of		Radius of Curvature	
Curvature readings divided by 10		ivided by 10	<u>0%</u>	
<u>0.00000</u>				

MIRROR NO. 4 (UNIT MAGNIFICATION)

Test	Dial	Radius of	Deviation between the Average	Precent
Postion	Reading	Curvature	Radius of Curvature and the	Deviation from
	(inches)	(mm)	Test Position Radius of	the Average
			Curvature (mm)	Radius of
				Curvature
1	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
5	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
6	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
7	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
8	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
9	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	0.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average	Radius of C	Curvature -	vature - Greatest Percent Deviation from the Aver	
The Sumi	The Summation of the Radius of		Radius of Curvature	
Curvature readings divided by 10		vided by 10	<u>0%</u>	
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CONVERSION DATA TABLE FROM SPHEROMETER DIAL READING TO RADIUS OF CURVATURE

MIRROR NO. 5 (CONVEX)

	MINITON NO. <u>5 (CONVEX)</u>					
	Test Postion	Dial Reading (inches)	Radius of Curvature (mm)	Deviation between the Average Radius of Curvature and the Test Position Radius of Curvature (mm)	Precent Deviation from the Average Radius of Curvature	
	1	0.00670	1066.3	-11.8	-1.1%	
	2	0.00695	1028.0	26.6	2.5%	
	3	0.00690	1035.4	19.1	1.8%	
	4	0.00660	1082.5	-27.9	-2.7%	
	5	0.00690	1035.4	19.1	1.8%	
	6	0.00695	1028.0	26.6	2.5%	
	7	0.00705	1013.4	41.1	3.9%	
	8	0.00665	1074.3	-19.8	-1.9%	
	9	0.00645	1107.6	-53.1	-5.0%	
	10	0.00665	1074.3	-19.8	-1.9%	
Average Radius of Curvature - The Summation of the Radius of Curvature readings divided by 10 1054.5		e Radius of	Greatest Percent Deviation from th of Curvature <u>5.0%</u>	e Average Radius		
		1004.0				

MIRROR NO. 6 (CONVEX)

Test Postion	Dial Reading (inches)	Radius of Curvature (mm)	Deviation between the Average Radius of Curvature and the Test Position Radius of Curvature (mm)	Precent Deviation from the Average Radius of Curvature
1	0.00650	1099.1	-24.1	-2.2%
2	0.00665	1074.3	0.7	0.1%
3	0.00675	1058.4	16.6	1.5%
4	0.00655	1090.7	-15.7	-1.5%
5	0.00675	1058.4	16.6 1.5%	
6	0.00680	1050.6	24.3	2.3%
7	0.00690	1035.4	39.6	3.7%
8	0.00670	1066.3	8.7	0.8%
9	0.00630	1134.0	-59.0	-5.5%
10	0.00660	1082.5	-7.5	-0.7%
Average Radius of Curvature - The Summation of the Radius of Curvature readings divided by 10 1075.0		Radius of	Greatest Percent Deviation from the Average Radius of Curvature <u>5.5%</u>	

FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 6...continued UNIT MAGNIFICATION/CONVEX MIRROR TEST – ALL MIRRORS

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UNIT MAGNIFICATION IN SYSTEM A

Requirements	Pass/Fail			
At least one System A Mirror on the left and right sides of the bus is unit magnification -0 Radius of Curvature	PASS			

AVERAGE RADIUS OF CURVATURE OF CONVEX MIRRORS USED IN SYSTEM B

Mirror No.	Radius of Curvature	If needed, wording printed properly* Pass/Fail
1	183.2 mm	PASS
2	183.6 mm	PASS

^{*} If any of the Convex Mirrors in System B have an average radius of curvature less than 889 mm, then the following words must be printed on a label in type face and color that are clear and conspicuous to the driver:

"USE CROSS VIEW MIRRORS TO VIEW PEDESTRIANS WHILE BUS IS STOPPED. DO NOT USE THESE MIRRORS TO VIEW TRAFFIC WHILE BUS IS MOVING, IMAGES IN SUCH MIRRORS DO NOT ACCURATELY SHOW ANOTHER VEHICLE'S LOCATION."

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FMVSS 111SB DATA SHEET 7 MIRROR REFLECTIVE SURFACE AREA TEST SYSTEM A & B

Test Vehicle: 2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus NHTSA No.: C50901
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DATA TABLE FOR SURFACE AREA

System A Mirrors Mirror No.	Area	Requirement Min. 323 cm ²	Pass/Fail
3	462 cm ²	323 cm ²	PASS
4	462 cm ²	323 cm ²	PASS
System B Mirrors Mirror No.	Area	Requirement Min. 258 cm ²	Pass/Fail
1	570 cm ²	258 cm ²	PASS
1 2	570 cm ² 570 cm ²	258 cm ² 258 cm ²	PASS PASS

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SECTION 4 INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Test Vehicle: 2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus NHTSA No.: C50901
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	Digital Caliper	Light Meter	Tape Measure	Spherometer
Make	Mitutoyo	AEMC	Stanley	MGA
Model	CD6"CS	CA813	Powerlock	001
Serial # (s)	0441288	04L1017Y	SN232	001
Range	0 to 150 mm	2000fc, 2000lux	0-8 m	2.25 x 10 ¹³ (cm * Hz ^{1/2}) ÷ W
Accuracy	0.01 mm	0.0 fc or 0.01 lux	1 mm	1.1 x 10 ⁻¹³ W/H ^{1/2}
Cal. Date	4/1/05	9/27/04	2/3/05	Daily when used
Cal. Due Date	10/1/05	9/27/05	8/3/05	N/A

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Three-Quarter Left Front View of School Bus



Three-Quarter Left Rear View of School Bus

Procedure: FMVSS 111 NHTSA No.: C50901

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DATE OF MFR. 09/04

SUITABLE TIRE - RIM CHOICE

GVWR: 13612 KG (30000 LB)

GAWR : FRONT 4537 KG (10000 LB) WITH 11RX22.5G TIRES

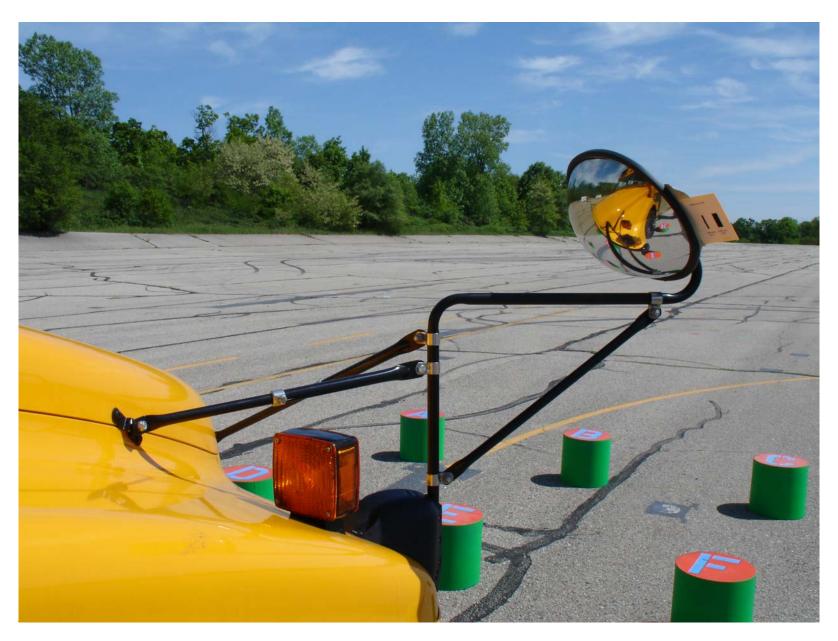
7.50X22.5 RIMS. AT 723 KPA (105 PSI) COLD SINGLE

GAWR : REAR 9528 KG (21000 LB) WITH 11RX22.5G TIRES

7.50X22.5 RIMS. AT 723 KPA (105 PSI) COLD DUAL

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE U.S.
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EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE

V.I.N. 1BAKGCKH05F227003 TYPE CLASSIFICATION SCHOOL BUS



Right Front Cross View Mirror and Mounting



Passenger Side Rearview Mirror and Mounting



Left Front Cross View Mirror and Mounting



Driver Side Rearview Mirror and Mounting



Field of View Instrument Setup



View of Cylinders using no Mirror System



Mirror #1 System B Field of View



Mirror #2 System B Field of View



Mirror #4 and #6 System A Field of View



Mirror #3 and #5 System A Field of View



View of Cone Setup from Front



Three-Quarter Left Front View of Cone Setup



Three-Quarter Right Front View of Cone Setup

Test Vehicle:

2005 Blue Bird Vision School Bus

Procedure:

FMVSS 111





Reflectance Test Setup