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THOMAS BUILT BUSES 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA NO.: C90901

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a MY 2009 Thomas Minotour School Bus, NHTSA No.: C90901, in accordance with the specifications of the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance (OVSC) Test Procedures TP-217-06 to determine compliance to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 217, "School Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release".

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SECTION 2 TEST DATA SUMMARY

Based on the tests performed, the MY 2009 Thomas Minotour School Bus, NHTSA No.: C90901 appeared to meet the requirements of FMVSS 217. See Data Sheet 1 for Test Summary on the following page.

DATA SHEET 1 TEST SUMMARY

GENERAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

Model Year/Mfr. /Make/Model:	2009 Thomas Minotour School Bus	
NHTSA No.:	C90901	
GVWR:	4,356 kg / 9,600 lbs	
Build Date for Bus Chassis:	06/08	
VIN:	1GBHG31C181210142	
Seating Capacity:	(1 Driver, 20 Passengers)	
Type of Bus:	Type A	
Tire Pressure from tire placard (at capacity):	Front: 552 kPa	Rear: 552 kPa
Odometer Reading:	1,081 Miles	

	Pass/Fail
S5.1 WINDOW RETENTION	Pass
\$5.2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS	Pass
Meets minimum exit provisions	Pass
Meets all other exit requirements	Pass
Meets requirements for additional exits	Pass
\$5.2.3.1.A EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	Pass
S5.3 EMERGENCY EXIT RELEASE	Pass
Forces to unlatch the emergency exits	Pass
Forces to open the emergency exits	Pass
\$5.4 EMERGENCY EXIT OPENING	Pass
\$5.5 EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION	Pass
S5.5 TAPE REFLECTIVITY (49CFR 571.131)	Not Tested

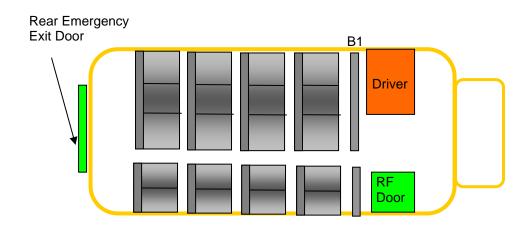
Comments: None

SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

The following data sheets document the results of testing on the 2009 Thomas Minotour School Bus, NHTSA No.: C90901.

DATA SHEET 2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009



		Height (mm)	Width (mm)
1	Rear Emergency Exit Door	1355	847

Seating Capacity: 21 (Including Driver)

Requirements (S71.217 S5.2.3.1(2))	Pass/Fail
No additional exits required for seating capacity of 1 - 45.	Pass

Comments: None

DATA SHEET 2 (CONTINUED) PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS

	Requirements	Pass/Fail
1	Rear Emergency Door – opens outward and is hinged on the right side (either side, if the bus has a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less), and is operable from both inside and outside of the vehicle.	Pass
2	Side Emergency Door – hinged on its forward side. No more than one side emergency exit door is located, in whole or in part, within the same post and roof bow panel space, and each door is operable from both inside and outside of the vehicle.	N/A
3	Rear Push Out Window – provides a minimum opening clearance 41 cm high and 122 cm wide (16" x 48").	N/A
4	Roof Exit – is hinged on its forward side, and is operable from both inside and outside of the vehicle.	N/A
5	There is an even number of side emergency exit windows on each side of the bus.	N/A
6	The bus is not equipped with both sliding and push-out windows, (except for buses equipped with rear push out emergency exit windows).	N/A
7	A right side emergency exit door, if any, is located as near as practicable to the midpoint of the passenger compartment.	N/A

Comments: None

Recorded By: Brian Road

Approved By: Hishal Janois

DATA SHEET 3 EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

	Requirements	Pass/Fail
1	The engine starting system does NOT operate if any Emergency Exit is LOCKED.	N/A
2	All Emergency Door and Roof Exits can be released by one person (from inside and outside of the bus).	Pass
3	When the Release Mechanism is NOT in the closed position and the vehicle ignition is in the "ON" position, there is a continuous warning sound audible at the Driver's DSP and in the vicinity of the Emergency Door(s) having the unclosed mechanism.	Pass
4	Emergency exit release mechanism does not use remote controls or central power systems.	Pass

Comments: None

Approved By: Hichal Janois

DATA SHEET 4A EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS Test Vehicle: NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - INTERIOR

Exit Location	Rear Door
Exit Description	Emergency Door
Letter Height (cm)	5
Background Color	White
Location Inside	Above Door
Pass/Fail	Pass

EMERGENCY EXIT OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - INTERIOR

Exit Location	Rear Door
Instructions	Emergency Exit Lift Handle To Open Push Out
Letter Height (cm)	1.3
Letter Color	Black
Background Color	White
Distance From Release (cm)	1.5
Reflective Tape Color	N/A
Reflective Tape Width (cm)	N/A
Pass/Fail	Pass

Comments: None

Recorded By: Binan Road

Approved By: Hickal Janon

DATA SHEET 4B EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS Test Vehicle: NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING – EXTERIOR (NOT REQUIRED FOR ROOF EXITS)

	(
Exit Location	Rear Door
Exit Description	Emergency Door
Letter Height (cm)	5
Background Color	Yellow
Location Outside	Above Door and Middle of Door
Pass/Fail	Pass

EMERGENCY EXIT RETROREFLECTIVE TAPE - EXTERIOR

Exit Location	Rear Door
Perimeter Outlined with Retroreflective Tape	Yes
Retroreflective Tape Color	Yellow
Retroreflective Tape Width (cm)	2.5 cm
Pass/Fail	Pass

Comments: None

Buan Road Hichard Janois

DATA SHEET 4 (CONTINUED) EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

	Requirements	Pass/Fail
1	Each required Emergency Exit is labeled with the words "Emergency Exit" or "Emergency Door" as appropriate in letters at least 5 cm high (2") of a color that contrasts with its background.	Pass
2	Emergency Doors – The designation "Emergency Exit" or "Emergency Door" is located at the top of, or directly above the exit door on both inside and outside surfaces of the bus.	Pass
3	Roof Exits – The designation for roof exits is located on an inside surface of the exit, or within 30 cm (11.8") of the roof exit opening.	N/A
4	Emergency Window Exits – The designation is located at the top of, or directly above, or at the bottom of the emergency window exit on both the inside and outside surfaces of the bus.	N/A
5	Exit Operating Instructions indicate all motions required to unlatch and open the exit, in letters at least 1 cm (.39") high and of a color that contrast with its background and shall be located within 15 cm (5.9") of the release mechanism on the inside surface of the bus.	Pass
6	Each required Emergency Exit opening is outlined around its perimeter with a 2.5 cm (1") wide retroreflective tape of red, white, or yellow color.	Pass

Comments: None

Recorded By: Bian Road

Approved By: Hishal Janois

DATA SHEET 5 TAPE RELECTIVITY TEST

t Vehicle: t Lab:	2009 THOMA MGA RESEA				SA No.: Date:	C90901 01/27/20
	_ Color of re	etroreflective	tape (white,	red, or yellow)	
	_ Glass bea	d retroreflect	tive element	material – Fill	in Part A	
	Prismatic	retroreflectiv	e element m	aterial – Fill in	Part B	
	C INTENSITY P Per Foot Cand	_				
Obse	rvation Angle	Entrance Angle	Min. Reqd. Intensity	Recorded Intensity	Pass	/Fail
Part A -	Glass Bead	1	T			
Part B -	Prismatic		ı	l		
Commen	ion of tape pass ts: Tape Ref	lectivity Tes	st Not Perfo	•	Yes	No
Approved	I Bye			Date	· ·	

DATA SHEET 6A FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

Exit Location	Exit Description	High/Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement Newtons	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) required to Release Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Release Exit	Pass/ Fail
	Emergency Door High	9 1 HION 1 17	1. 17.8				
Rear			178	2. 19.7	Lift Handle Upward	Lift Handle Upward	Pass
Door				3. 19.5			
			Average: 19.0	Opwara			

Comments: None

Approved By: Hichal Janois

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

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

Exit Location	Exit Description	High/Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement Newtons	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) required to Release Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Release Exit	Pass/ Fail
Rear Door	Emergency Door	High	178	1. 47.0 2. 44.0 3. 46.0 Average: 45.7	Mfr's Discretion	Lift Handle Upward	Pass

Comments: None

Approved By: Hichal Janois

DATA SHEET 7A

FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

Exit Location	Exit Description	High/Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement Newtons	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) required to Open Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Open Exit	Passage of Ellipsoid or Parallelepiped	Pass/ Fail
Rear Door	Emergency Door	High	178	1. 6.3 2. 6.1 3. 6.3	Push Outward	Push Outward	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	Pass
	200.			Average: 6.2	verage:		T di dii di	

Describe in the comments section if more than one force and motion are required to unlatch the exit.

Comments: None

Approved By: Hishal Janon Date: 01/27/2009

DATA SHEET 7B

FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS - EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

Exit Location	Exit Description	High/Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement Newtons	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) required to Open Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Open Exit	Passage of Ellipsoid or Parallelepiped	Pass/ Fail
Rear Door	Emergency Door	High	178	1. 10.1 2. 9.5 3. 8.3 Average: 9.3	Pull Outward	Pull Outward	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	Pass

Describe in the comments section if more than one force and motion are required to unlatch the exit.

Comments: None

Recorded By: Bina Road

Approved By: Hishal Janoin

DATA SHEET 8 EMERGENCY EXIT EXTENSION

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Lab: Test Date: 01/27/2009

	Requirements	Pass/Fail
1	Exit(s) can be extended by a single person.	Pass
2	Each emergency exit door is equipped with a positive door opening device that meets the requirements (outlined in Section S5.4.1 (3) of FMVSS 217).	Pass
3	There is a 30 cm (11.81") wide clear aisle space for each side emergency door exit.	N/A
4	For flip-up seat adjacent to the side emergency door exit it automatically assumes and retain a vertical position when not in use, so that no portion of the seat bottom is within the 30 cm (11.81") aisle clearance space.	N/A
5	There is no seat or barrier which extends past the side door opening.	N/A
6	There is no obstruction of door latch mechanism for the rear emergency door.	Pass

Comments: None

Recorded By: Bina Road

Approved By: Hichal Janois

DATA SHEET 9 WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Lab: Test Date: 01/27/2009

1	Test Window Identification:	Left Rearmost Side, Upper Glass			
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc.	Vertical Sliding, Single Glazed			
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	882.7 mm X 317.5 mm			
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria:	Max Displacement of 45.7 mm was Reached Pass Glazing did not shatter, max force at 1283.4 N			
	Did the window page the force to the to well the	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass/ Fail	
5	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the completion of the	NA	NA	NA	
	retention test?	NA	NA	NA	
		NA	NA	NA	

Comments: None

Recorded By: Bina Road

Approved By: Hishal Janois

DATA SHEET 9 (CONTINUED) WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

1	Test Window Identification:	Left Rearmost S	Left Rearmost Side Window, Lower Half			
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc.	Fixed, Single Glazed				
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	882.7 mm X 317.5 mm				
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria:	Max Displacement of 32.0 mm was Reached Pass Glazing Shattered at 1969.9 N				
	Did the suite days are a the favor to state to	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass/ Fail		
5	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the	NA	NA	NA		
	completion of the retention test?	NA	NA	NA		
		NA	NA	NA		

Comments: None

Recorded By: Brian Road

Approved By: Hishal Janon

DATA SHEET 9 (CONTINUED) WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 01/27/2009

1	Test Window Identification:	Right Rearmost	Side Window, Lowe	er Half
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc.	Fixed	, Single Glazed	
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	882.7 mm X 317.5 mm		
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria:	Max Displacement of 22.6 mm was Reached Pass Glazing Shattered at 1425.8 N		
	Did the window page the fame to the to	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass/ Fail
5	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the	NA	NA	NA
	completion of the retention test?	NA	NA	NA
		NA	NA	NA

Comments: None

Approved By: Hishal Janon

DATA SHEET 9 (CONTINUED) WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90901
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1	Test Window Identification:	Rear Exit [Door, Upper Window	ı
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc.	Fixed, Single Glazed		
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	749.3 mm X 495.3 mm		
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria:	Max Displacement of 56.5 mm was Reached Pass Glazing Shattered at 1728 N		
	Did the second second sector to	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass/ Fail
5	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the	1. 17.1	1. 10.4	Pass
	completion of the retention test?	2. 15.7	2. 10.5	Pass
		3. 17.6	3. 11.6	Pass

Comments: None

Recorded By: Bran Road

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SECTION 4 INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

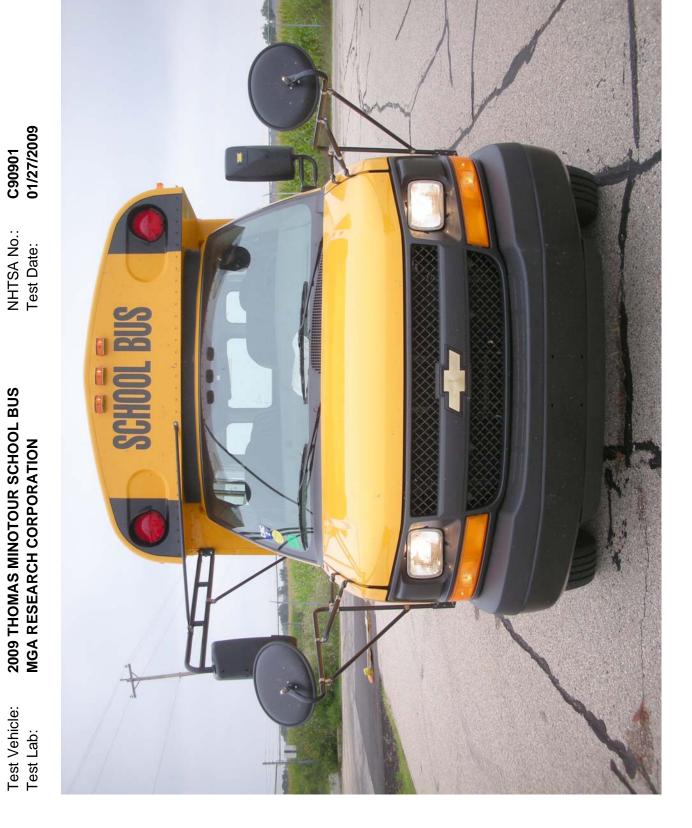
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Equipment	Description	Model/Serial No.	Cal. Date	Next Cal. Date
Load Cell	Interface	1210AF 5K-62736	10/28/08	04/28/09
Inclinometer	Digital Protractor	Pro 360 / Comp Lab	09/30/08	03/30/09
Linear Potentiometer	Ametek	P-40A-HT / 21954	08/25/08	02/25/09
Digital Calipers	Mitutoyo	CD-6" csx/06398228	09/11/08	03/11/09
Steel Tape	Stanley	Powerlock / 556	08/19/08	09/19/09
Ellipsoid	MGA	ELLIP – 1A	When Used	When Used
Parallelepiped	MGA	PARA – 1A	When Used	When Used
Force Gauge	Quantrol	DMLC1120014	09/19/08	03/19/09

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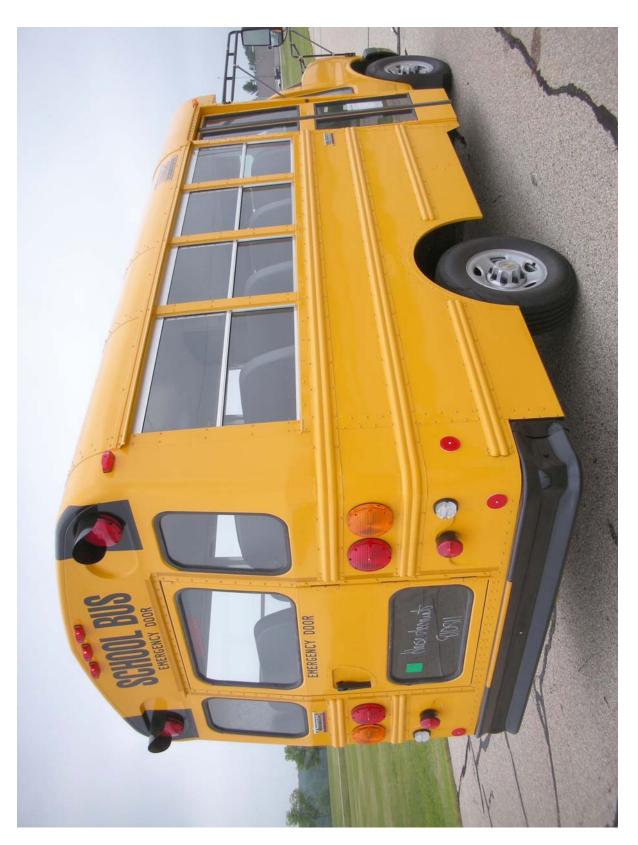


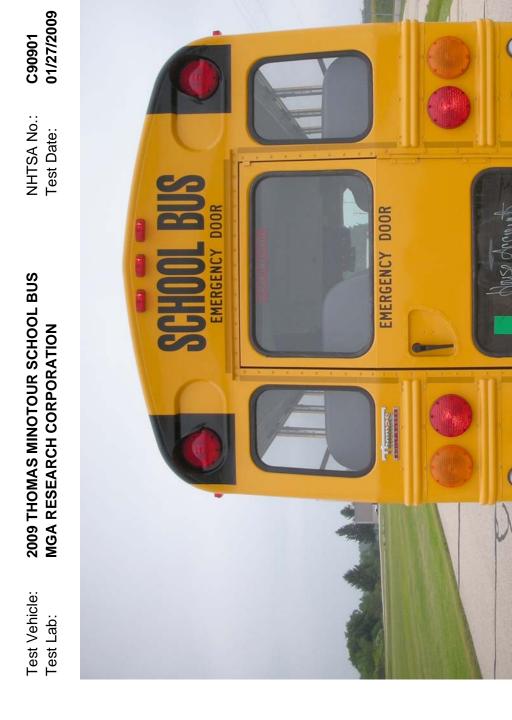
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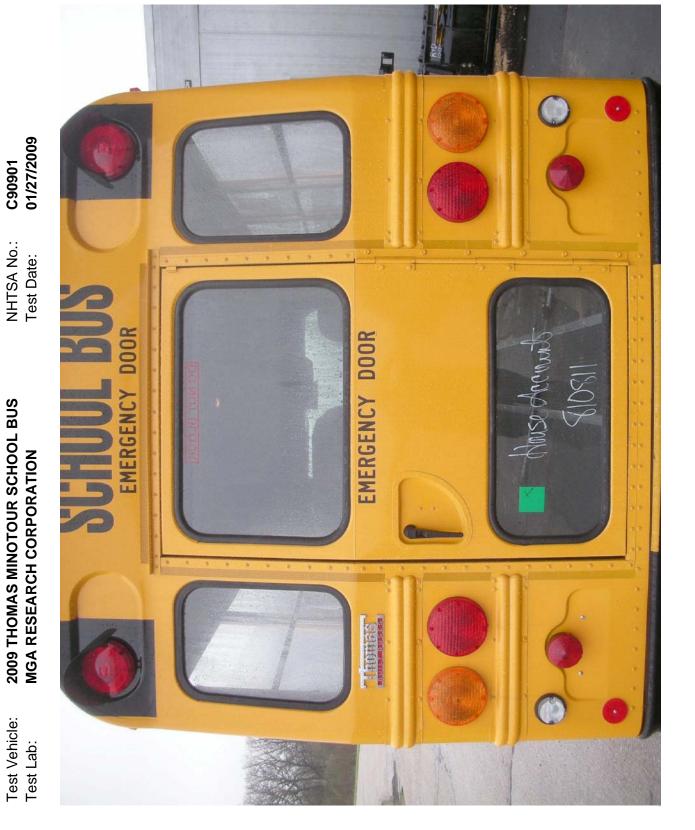
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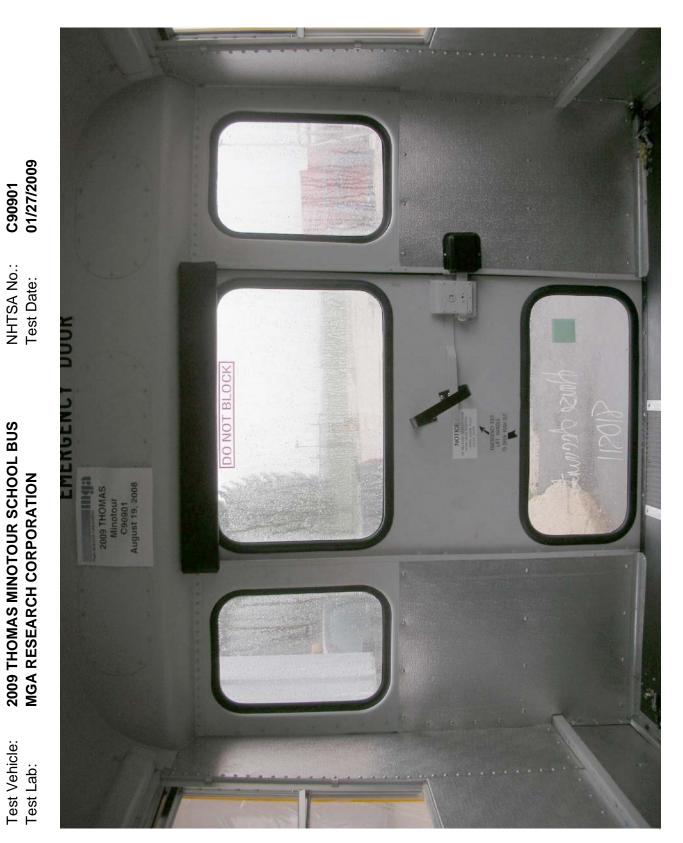
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Interior View of Rear Emergency Exit Door Instructions



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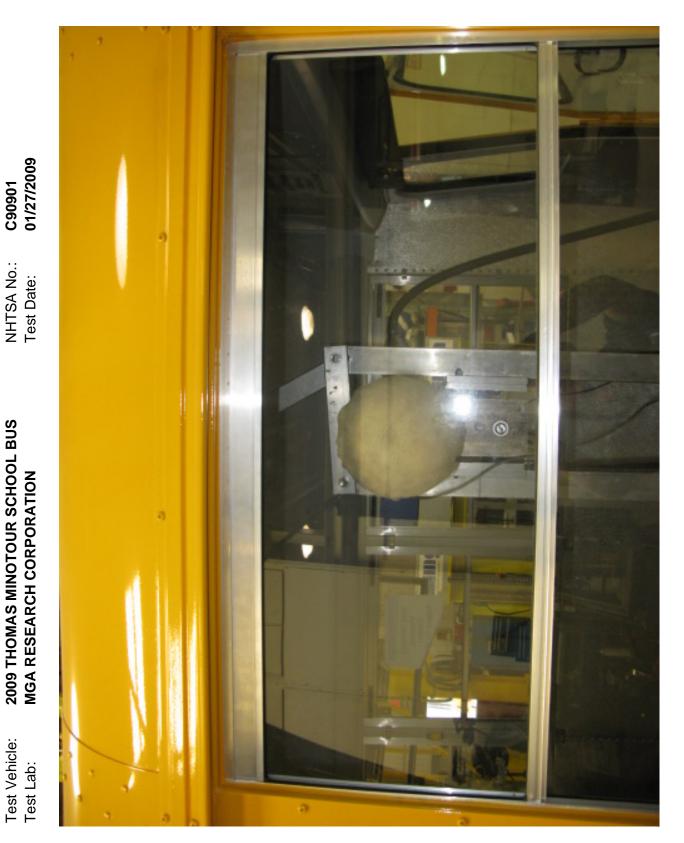
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