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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 Procedure, TP-220-02, to determine compliance to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 220, "School Bus Rollover Protection".

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SECTION 2

TEST DATA SUMMARY

Based on the tests performed, the MY 2009 Thomas Minotour School Bus, NHTSA No.: C90901 appears to meet the requirements of FMVSS 220. The ambient temperature during testing was 23° C.

TEST RESULTS

S4.a	The downward vertical movement of any point on the application plate shall not exceed 130 mm.	Pass
	Each emergency exit shall be capable of:	
S4.b	Unlatching per FMVSS 217	Pass
	Opening per FMVSS 217	Pass

COMMENTS: None

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Test Vehicle:2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90901Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Date:6/19/2009

Contract No.:	DTNH22-08-D-00075
Laboratory Name:	MGA Research Corporation

INCOMPLETE VEHICLE (if applicable)			
Manufacturer: General Motors Corporation			
Model:	Express TG33503		
VIN:	1GBHG31C181210142		
Build Date:	06/2008		

COMPLETED VEHICLE (SCHOOL BUS)			
Manufacturer: Thomas Built Buses			
Make/Model:	Minotour		
VIN:	1GBHG31C181210142		
NHTSA No.:	C90901		
Color:	Yellow		
GVWR (kg/lb):	4356 kg / 9600 lbs		
Build Date:	07/2008		
Certification Date: 07/2008			

DATES		
Vehicle Receipt:	08/19/08	
Start of Compliance Test:	06/19/09	
Completion of Compliance Test:	06/19/09	

COMMENTS:

All tests were performed in accordance with the references outlined in: TP-220-02.

DATA SHEET 1 (CONTINUED) VEHICLE INFORMATION

	Units	As Delivered (UVW) (Axle)			
	Units	Front	Rear	Total	
Left	kg	752	816		
Right	kg	722	782		
Ratio	%	48	52		
Totals	kg	1,474	1,598	3,072	

SCHOOL BUS UNLOADED VEHICLE WEIGHT (UVW)

SCHOOL BUS ROOF AND FORCE APPLICATION PLATE DATA

Dimensions	School Bus Roof	Calculated Roof Plate	Actual Roof Plate
Length (mm):	4,600	4,725	5,410
Width (mm):	2,040	2,165	2,438

Notes: The vehicle was centered laterally and longitudinally under the force application plate.

School Bus Has: <u>X</u> Rigid Frame; Unibody

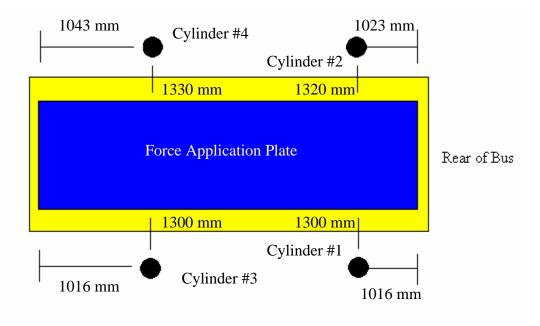
<u>Components Removed From Vehicle Before Testing</u>: Front – Center roof air vent

DATA SHEET 1 (CONTINUED) VEHICLE INFORMATION

LINEAR DISPLACEMENT TRANSDUCER LOCATION

Description	LF	RF	LR	RR
Perpendicular Distance from closest corner of force application plate (mm)	1,016	1,043	1,016	1,023
From closest outside edge of force application plate (mm)	1,300	1,330	1,300	1,320
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NOTE: LF = Left Front, RF = Right Front, LR = Left Rear, and RR = Right Rear.



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SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

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

FORCE APPLICATION AND DEFLECTION DATA

Test Vehicle:	2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C90901
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Date:	6/19/2009

FORCE APPLICATION PLATE LOAD CALCULATION

Unloaded Delivered Weight (UDW):	3,072 kg
Calculated Test Load = 1.5 * UDW:	4,608 kg
Range of Test Load (-1% to -3%):	4,562 kg <i>–</i> 4,470 kg

		Pre-load		Maximum Loa	Load				
		Displacement (mm)	Load (kg)	Displacement (mm) **	Load (kg)				
	1 (LR)	1	57	-77	1,168				
Cylinder	2 (RR)	11	57	137	1,157				
Cylinder	3 (LF)	6	57	-62	1,179				
	4 (RF)	12	57	158	1,188				
Total Load			228		4,692				

FORCE APPLICATION PLATE LOAD

NOTE: LR = Left Rear, RR = Right Rear, LF = Left Front, and RF = Right Front

FORCE APPLICATION PLATE DEFLECTION

		Pre-load	Maximum Load Deflection (B-A)		Deflectio mn	
		Displacement (A) (mm)	Displacement (B) (mm) **	(mm)	Yes - Pass	No - Fail
Corner of	1 (LR)	2	-15	-17	Х	
Force	2 (RR)	5	37	32	X	
Application Plate*	3 (LF)	7	-7	-14	Х	
Plate	4 (RF)	8	73	65	Х	
Average Deflection				17		

NOTE: LR = Left Rear, RR = Right Rear, LF = Left Front, and RF = Right Front

COMMENTS:

* Deflection at each corner of the required force application plate area was measured with the use of laser indicators positioned near the four most outboard corners of the vehicle's roof.

** At maximum load, previous testing deformation caused the bus to rotate about its centerline relative to the force application plate. To maintain a uniform load on all cylinders, the left side extended in the negative direction, while the right side retracted in the positive direction.

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EMERGENCY EXIT OPERATION

Test Vehicle: 2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: **C90901** Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION 6/19/2009 Test Date:

		Yes - Pass	No - Fail
Can all exits be manually released and extended by a sing tools, remote controls, and without the engine running?	le person without	X	
Is emergency exit door releasable from inside the school bus?	BEFORE LOAD:	X	
	MAXIMUM LOAD:	Х	
	AFTER LOAD:	X	
	BEFORE LOAD:	Х	
Is emergency exit door releasable from outside the school bus?	MAXIMUM LOAD:	Х	
	AFTER LOAD:	Х	

NOTE: BEFORE, MAXIMUM & AFTER LOAD, refer to the time when the assessment was made relative to load being applied to the school bus roof with the force application plate.

COMMENTS: None

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EMERGENCY EXIT OPERATING FORCES - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle:	2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C90901
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Date:	6/19/2009

	BEFORE Force ≤ 178		≤ 178	MAXIMUM	Force ≤ 178		AFTER	Force ≤ 178		Type	
Exit	LOAD	N?		LOAD	N	?	LOAD	N	?	Type of	
Location		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -	Motion	
	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	WOUUT	
	15.3			24.5			17.1				
Rear	15.8			19.2			14.1				
Emergency	13.7	X		18.9	X		15.6	Х		Rotary	
Exit Door	Average:			Average:			Average:				
	14.9			20.9			15.6				

FORCE TO RELEASE (UNLATCH) THE EMERGENCY EXITS.

FORCE TO EXTEND (OPEN) THE EMERGENCY EXITS

				<u> </u>						
BEFORE		Force	≤ 178	MAXIMUM	Force	≤ 178	AFTER	Force	≤ 178	Туре
Exit	Exit LOAD N?		?	LOAD	N	?	LOAD	N	?	
Location		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -	of Motion
	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	WOUOT
	5.4			4.0			18.4			
Rear	6.8			6.8			16.2			Push
Emergency	8.6	X		7.1	Х		18.1	X		То
Exit Door	Average:			Average:			Average:			Open
	6.9			6.0			17.6			

NOTE: BEFORE, MAXIMUM & AFTER LOAD, refer to the time when the assessment was made relative to load being applied to the school bus roof with the force application plate.

COMMENTS: None

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EMERGENCY EXIT OPERATING FORCES - EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle:	2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C90901
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Date:	6/19/2009

	FORCE TO RELEASE (UNLATCH) THE EMERGENCI EXITS										
	BEFORE Force ≤ 178		≤ 178	MAXIMUM	Force ≤ 178		AFTER	Force ≤ 178		Type	
Exit	LOAD	N?		LOAD	N	?	LOAD	N	?	Type of	
Location		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -	Motion	
	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	MOLION	
	36.0			52.3			42.3				
Rear	36.8			60.4			53.7				
Emergency	34.7	X		48.1	X		53.7	X		Rotary	
Exit Door	Average:			Average:			Average:				
	35.8			53.6			49.9				

FORCE TO RELEASE (UNLATCH) THE EMERGENCY EXITS.

FORCE TO EXTEND (OPEN) THE EMERGENCY EXITS

				<u> </u>						
			≤ 178	MAXIMUM	Force		AFTER	Force		Туре
Exit	kit LOAD N?		?	LOAD	N	?	LOAD	N	?	
Location		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -		Yes -	No -	of Motion
	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	(N)	Pass	Fail	MOLION
	5.4			3.2			11.2			
Rear	6.8			8.3			12.5			Pull
Emergency	8.6	X		6.8	X		17.4	Х		То
Exit Door	Average:			Average:			Average:			Open
	6.9			6.1			13.7			

NOTE: BEFORE, MAXIMUM & AFTER LOAD, refer to the time when the assessment was made relative to load being applied to the school bus roof with the force application plate.

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EMERGENCY EXIT OPENING AREA MEASUREMENTS

Test Vehicle:	2009 THOMAS MINOTOUR SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C90901
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Date:	6/19/2009



		Height	Width	Required Test Form	Opening unobstructe	
		ricigiit	Width	1 Onn	of the tes	
		(mm)	(mm)	(Ellipsoid or	Yes –	No –
				Parallelepiped)	Pass	Fail
1	Rear Emergency Exit Door	1,416	879	Parallelepiped	Х	

COMMENTS: NONE

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SECTION 4

INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Equipment	Manufacturer	Serial No.	Cal. Date	Next Cal. Date
Steel Tape	Stanley	33 – 428	11/11/08	05/11/09
Cylinder #1 Load Cell	Interface	315453	04/30/09	10/30/09
Cylinder #1 Displacement Pot.	Ametek	27166	02/06/09	08/06/09
Cylinder #2 Load Cell	Interface	321811	04/30/09	10/30/09
Cylinder #2 Displacement Pot.	Ametek	27165	02/06/09	08/06/09
Cylinder #3 Load Cell	Interface	326701	04/30/09	10/30/09
Cylinder #3 Displacement Pot.	Ametek	21782	02/06/09	08/06/09
Cylinder #4 Load Cell	Interface	321788	04/30/09	10/30/09
Cylinder #4 Displacement Pot.	Ametek	27167	02/06/09	08/06/09
Parallelepiped	MGA	PARA – 1A	When Used	When Used
Force Gauge	Wagner	2668	01/08/09	07/08/09

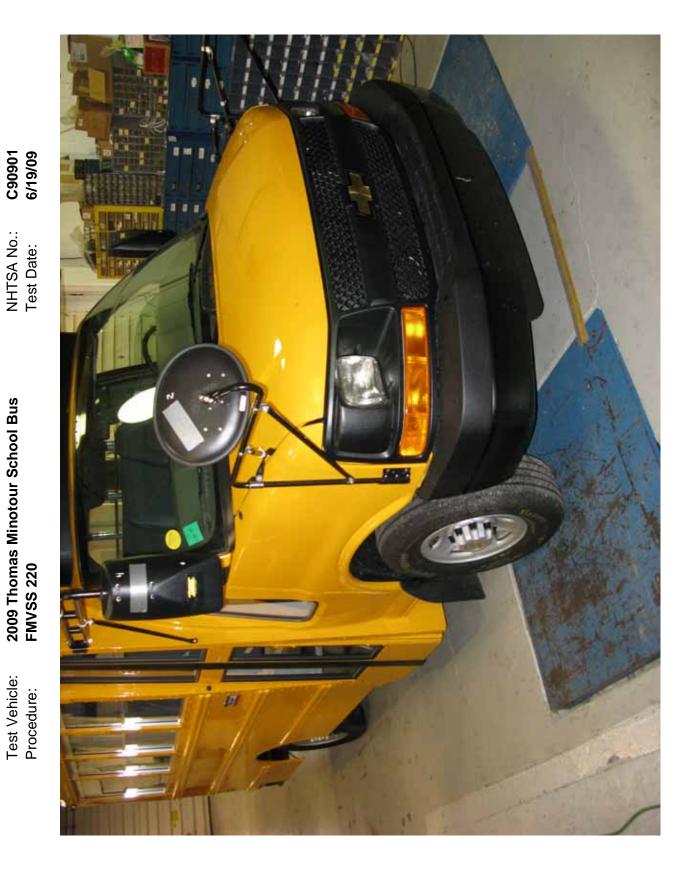
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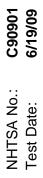
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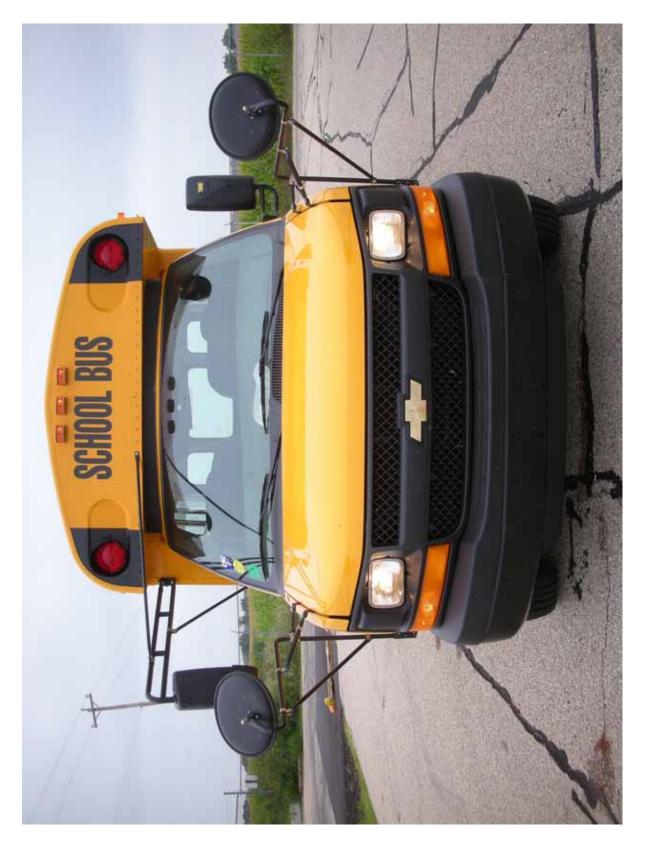
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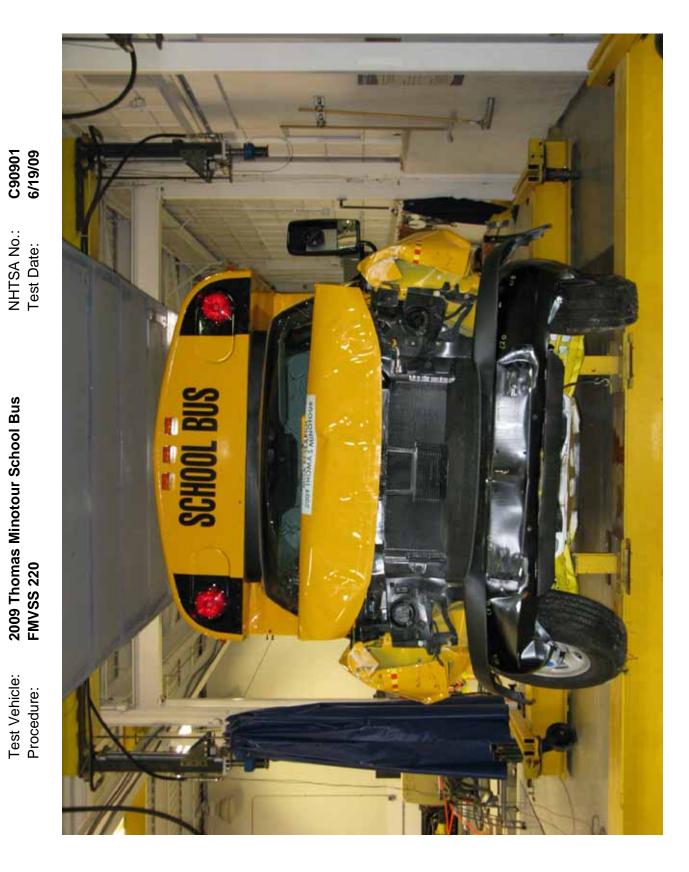
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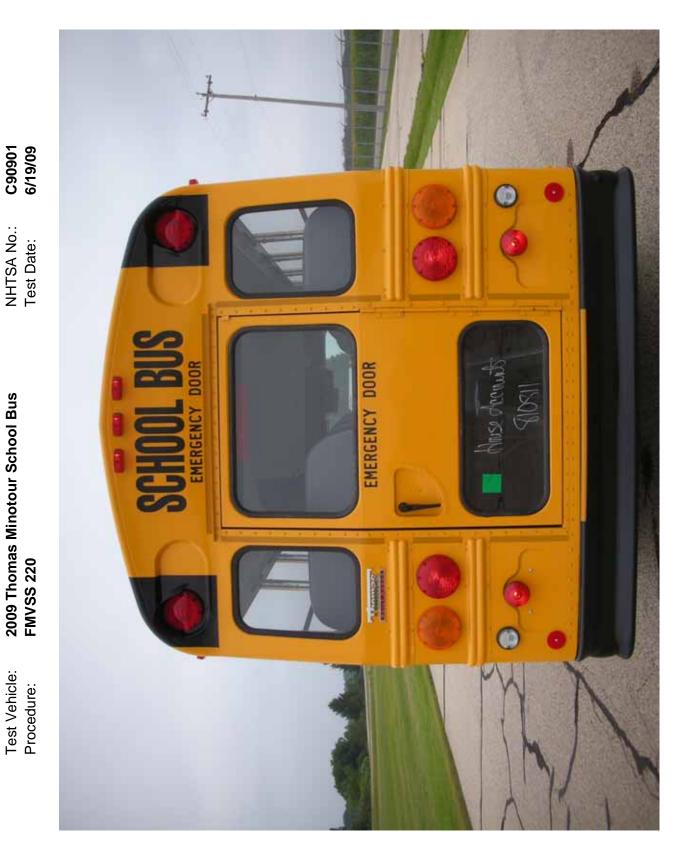
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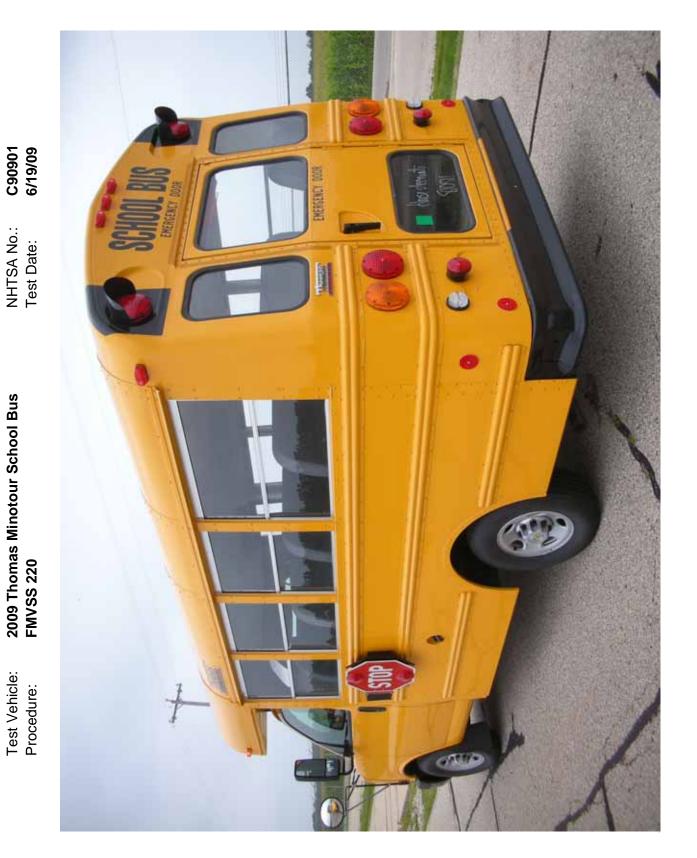


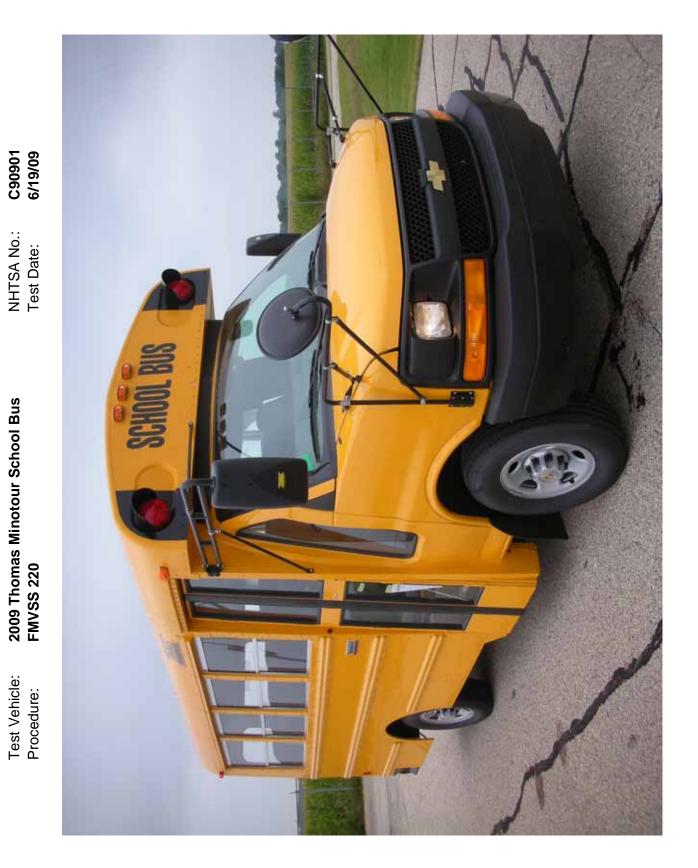


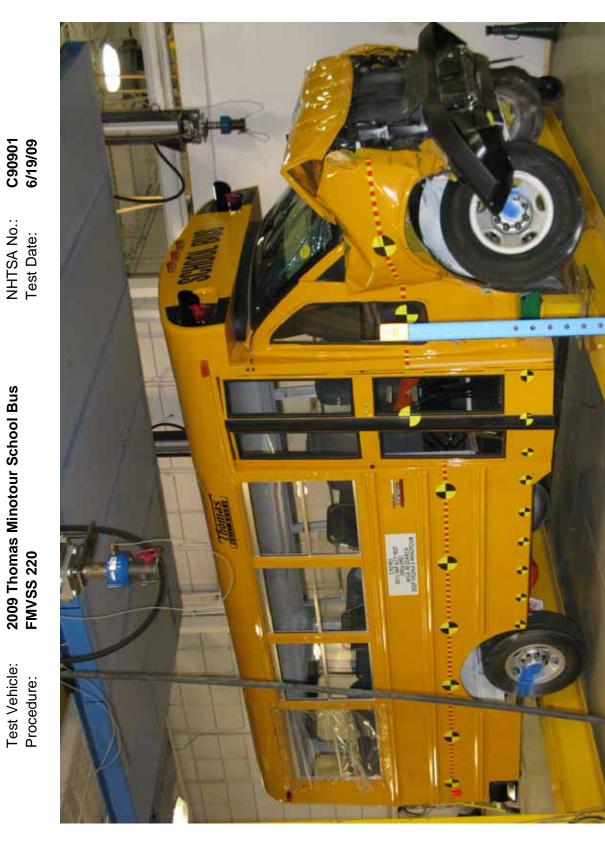


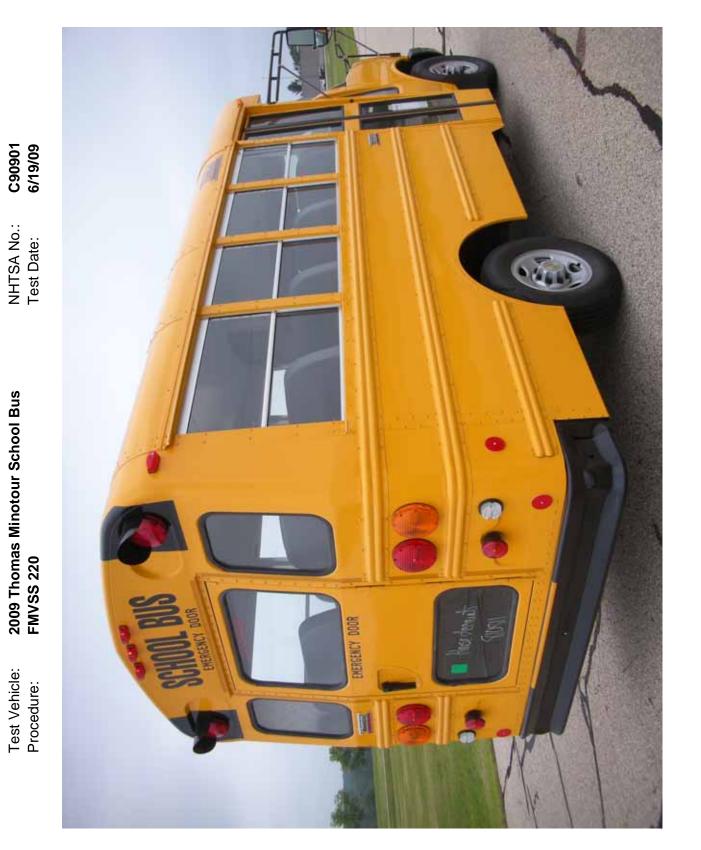
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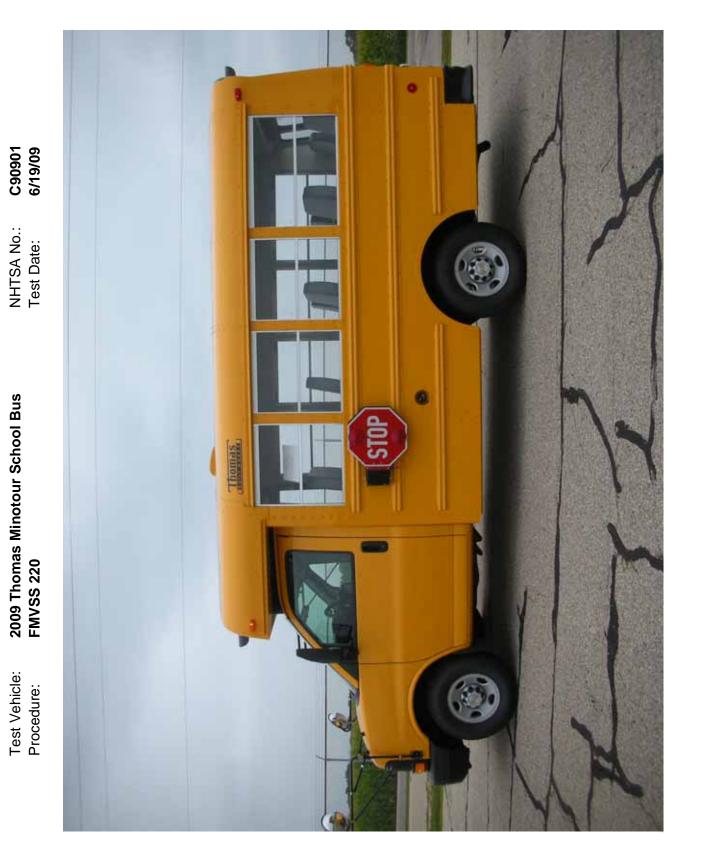


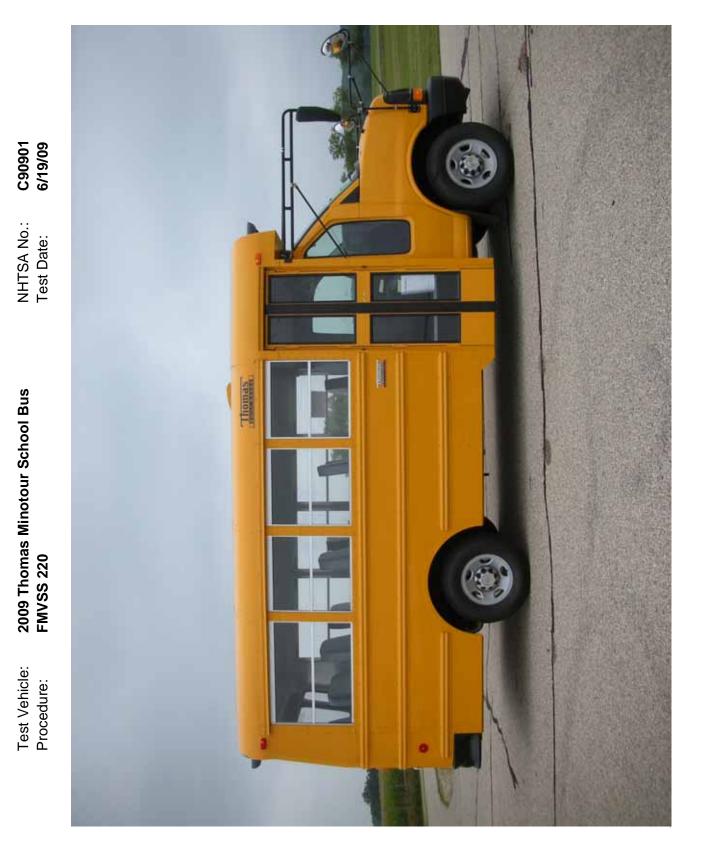














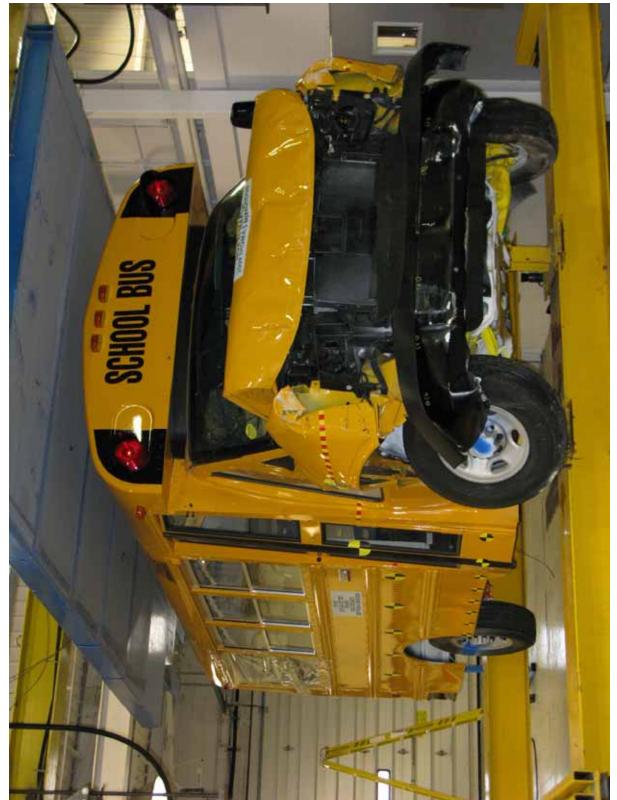
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Loading Device Placed Against Bus's Roof at Maximum Load Condition (Right Rear)



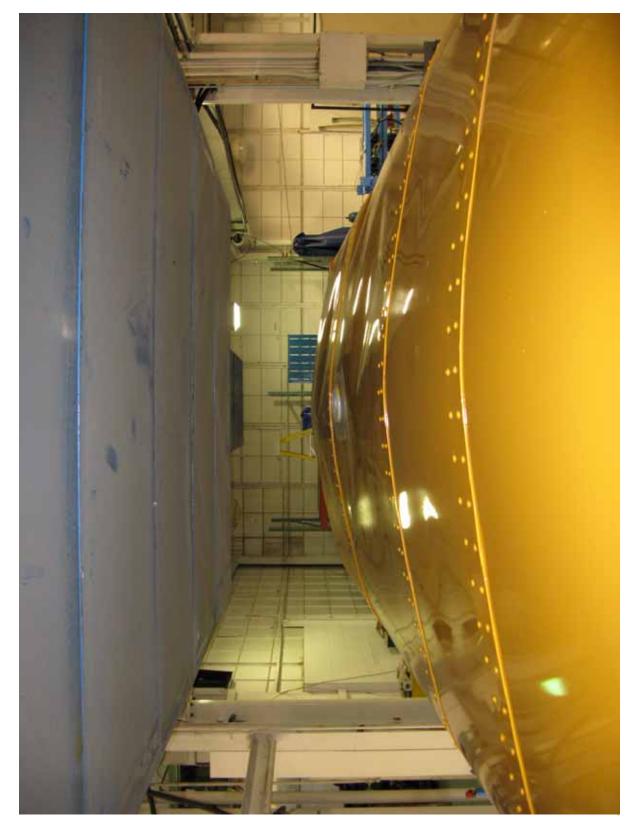






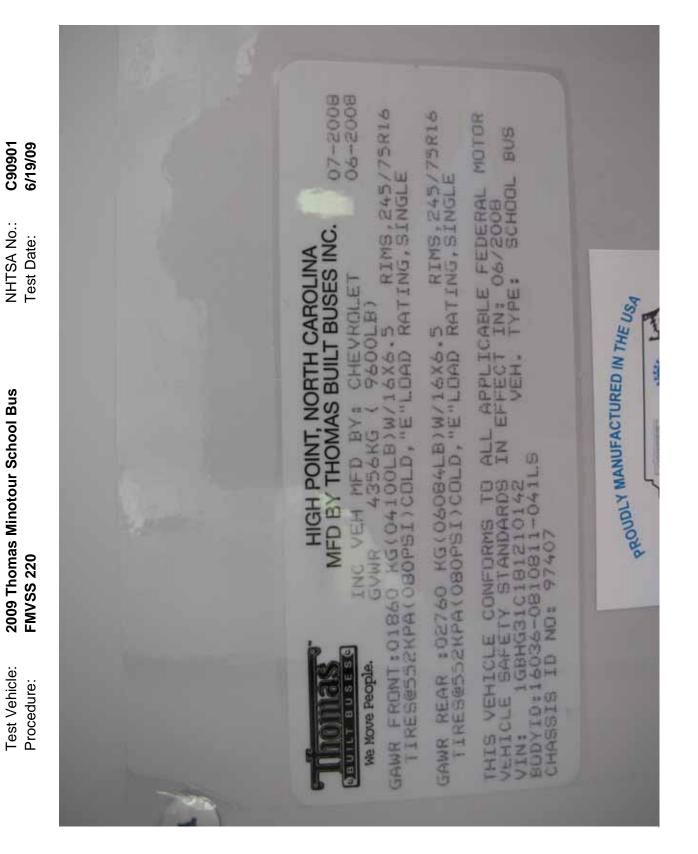


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SECTION 6 TEST PLOTS

