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SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMVSS NO. 217 SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EXITS AND WINDOW RETENTION AND RELEASE

BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY 2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUS NHTSA NO.: C90902

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# SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a MY 2009 Blue Bird Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: C90902, 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 Blue Bird Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: C90902, 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 Blue Bird Micro Bird School Bus	
NHTSA No.:	C90902	
GVWR:	4,356 kg / 9,600 lbs	
Build Date for Bus Chassis:	12	2/08
VIN:	1FDDE35L19DA17396	
Seating Capacity:	(1 Driver, 16 Passengers)	
Type of Bus:	Тур	be A
Tire Pressure from tire placard (at capacity):	Front: 379 kPa	Rear: 551 kPa
Odometer Reading:	1,060 Miles	

	Pass/Fail
S5.1 WINDOW RETENTION	Pass
<b>\$5.2</b> PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS	Pass
Meets minimum exit provisions	Pass
Meets all other exit requirements	Pass
Meets requirements for additional exits	Pass
<b>S5.2.3.1.A</b> EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	Pass
<b>S5.3</b> EMERGENCY EXIT RELEASE	Pass
Forces to unlatch the emergency exits	Pass
Forces to open the emergency exits	Pass
<b>S5.4</b> EMERGENCY EXIT OPENING	Pass
<b>S5.5</b> EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION	Pass
S5.5 TAPE REFLECTIVITY (49CFR 571.131)	Not Tested

Comments: None

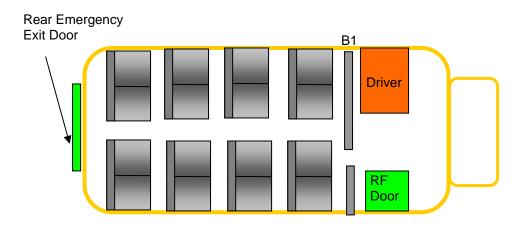
# SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

The following data sheets document the results of testing on the 2009 Blue Bird Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: C90902.

#### **DATA SHEET 2**

#### **PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS**

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009



		Height (mm)	Width (mm)
1	Rear Emergency Exit Door	1360	850

Seating Capacity: <u>17 (Including Driver)</u>

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

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#### **DATA SHEET 3**

#### EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

	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

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#### **DATA SHEET 4A**

#### EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: 2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C90902 Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Dates: 05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

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

#### EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - INTERIOR

#### **EMERGENCY EXIT OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - INTERIOR**

Exit Location	Rear Door
Instructions	Emergency Exit To Open Pull Up Handle Push Out Door
Letter Height (cm)	1.5
Letter Color	Black
Background Color	Silver
Distance From Release (cm)	0.5
Reflective Tape Color	N/A
Reflective Tape Width (cm)	N/A
Pass/Fail	Pass

Comments: None

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#### **DATA SHEET 4B**

#### **EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING**

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

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

Exit Location	Rear Door
Exit Description	Emergency Door
Letter Height (cm)	5
Background Color	Silver
Location Outside	Top 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

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# DATA SHEET 4 (CONTINUED) EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

	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

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#### **DATA SHEET 5**

#### TAPE RELECTIVITY TEST

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

 Color of retroreflective tape (white, red, or yellow)
 Glass bead retroreflective element material – Fill in Part A
 Prismatic retroreflective element material – Fill in Part B

#### SPECIFIC INTENSITY PER UNIT AREA (Candela Per Foot Candle Per Square Foot)

Observation Angle	Entrance Angle	Min. Reqd. Intensity	Recorded Intensity	Pass/Fail
Part A – Glass Bead				
Part B - Prismatic				

This section of tape passes the REFLECTIVITY requirement. Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Comments: Tape Reflectivity Test Not Performed

Recorded By:\_\_\_\_\_

Approved By:	Data
	Dale.

#### **DATA SHEET 6A**

#### FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

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
				1. 39.1	Dull		
Rear	Emergency			2. 40.2	Pull Handle	Pull Handle	
Door	Door	High	178	3. 43.1	and Push	and Push	Pass
				Average: 40.8	Out Door	Out Door	

Comments: None

ichal Janon Recorded By: Approved By:

#### **DATA SHEET 6B**

#### FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

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	y High	178	1. 158.5	Mfr's Discretion	Rotate Handle and Pull	Pass
				2. 176.8			
Rear Door				3. 154.2			
				Average: 163.2		Out Door	

Comments: None

Recorded By: hal Dan Approved By:

#### DATA SHEET 7A

#### FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

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
				1. 1.6				
Rear	Emergency		1=0	2. 1.4	Push	Push	114x61x30	
Door Door			178	3. 1.4	Outward	Outward	Parallelepiped	Pass
				Average: 1.5				

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

Comments: None

Recorded By: hal Janoe Approved By:

#### DATA SHEET 7B

#### FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS - EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

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
				1. 15.8				
Rear	Emergency Door	High	178	2. 17.0	Pull Outward	Pull Outward	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	_
Door				3. 17.9				Pass
				Average: 16.9				

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

Comments: None

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#### **DATA SHEET 8**

#### **EMERGENCY EXIT EXTENSION**

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

	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

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#### **DATA SHEET 9**

#### WINDOW RETENTION TEST

# Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

1	Test Window Identification:	Forward Most, Right Side, Upper Half			
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.	800 mm X 254 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 41.0 mm was Reached Pass Glazing did not shatter, max force at 1665.0 N			
		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

chal Janoe Recorded By: Approved By

# DATA SHEET 9 (CONTINUED) WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

1	Test Window Identification:	Forward Most	t, Left Side, Lower H	Half	
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc.	Vertical Slider, Single Glazed			
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	800 mm X 254 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 41.0 mm was Reached Pass Glazing Shattered During Hold at 1494.0 N			
		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

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# DATA SHEET 9 (CONTINUED) WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle:2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C90902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:05/14/2009 - 05/15/2009

1	Test Window Identification:	Rear Door, Upper Window					
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.	720 mm X 498 mm					
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS/FAIL criteria:	Glazing Shattered at 2803.0 N and 33.7 mm of Displacement. Maximum Calculated Displacement was 56.2 mm. Pass					
	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the completion of the retention test?	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass/ Fail			
5		38.0	19.6	Pass			
		37.9	20.8	Pass			
		39.1	20.9	Pass			

Comments: None

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#### **SECTION 4**

#### INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Test Vehicle:	2009 BLUE BIRD MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C90902
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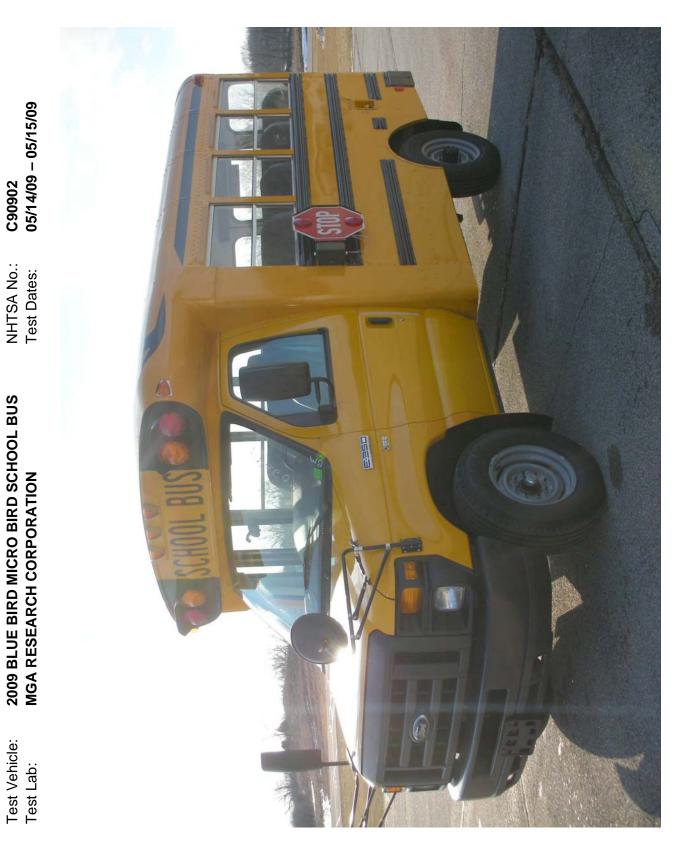
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Inclinometer	Digital Protractor	Pro 360 / Comp Lab	05/13/09	11/13/09	
Linear Potentiometer	Ametek	P-40A-HT / 0504-21782	02/06/09	08/06/09	
Digital Calipers	Mitutoyo	CD-6" csx/0004174	01/07/09	07/07/09	
Steel Tape	Stanley	Powerlock / 428	04/09/09	10/09/09	
Ellipsoid	MGA	ELLIP – 1A	When Used	When Used	
Parallelepiped	MGA	PARA – 1A	When Used	When Used	
Force Gauge	Wagner	2668	01/08/09	07/08/09	

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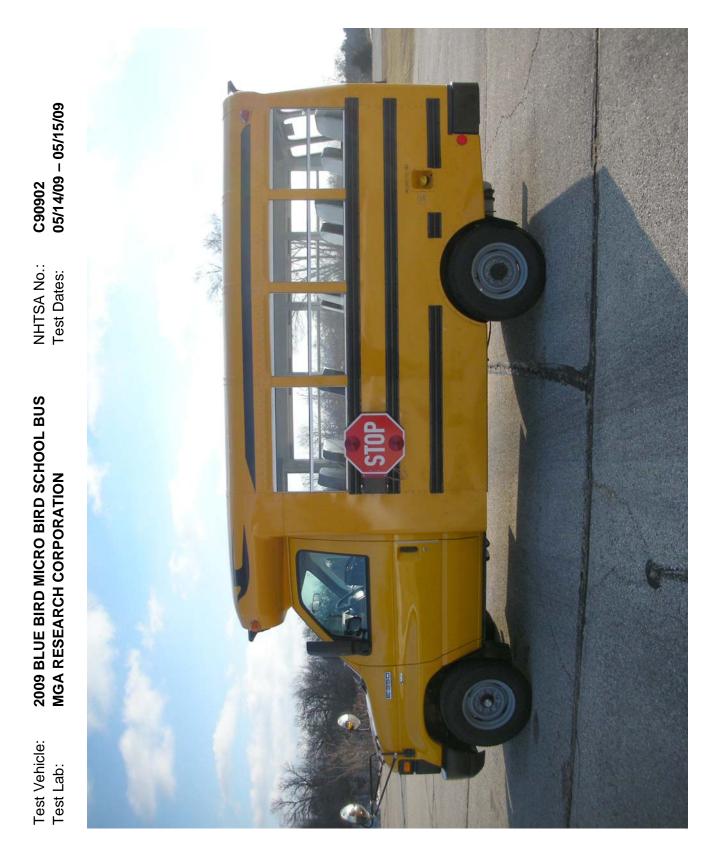




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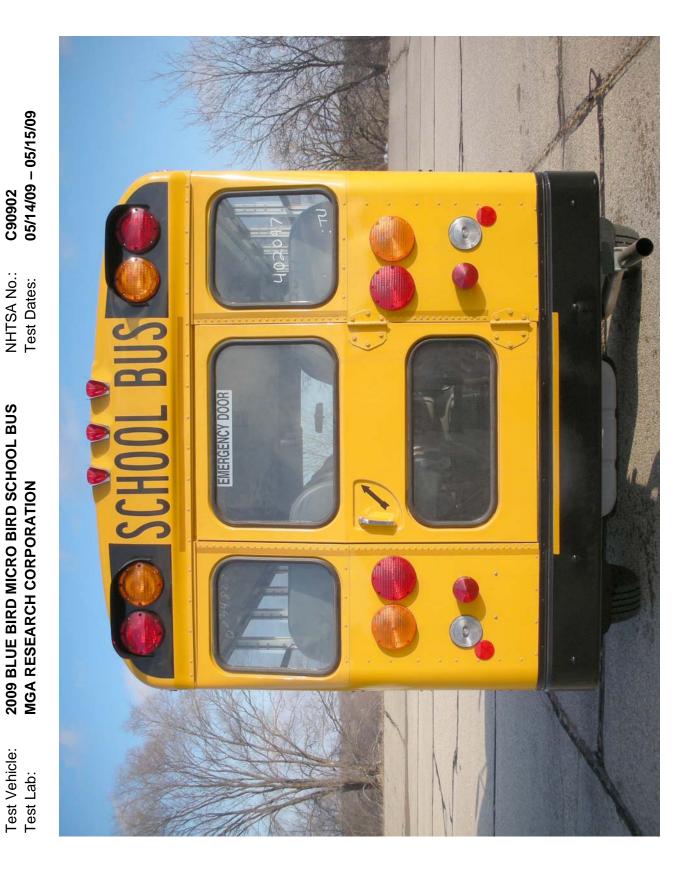












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TIRES TIRES RIMS. AT 379 KPA ( 55 PSI) COLD SINGLE RIMS. AT 551 KPA ( 80 PSI) COLD SINGLE GAWR : REAR 2760 KG ( 6084 LB) WITH LT245/75R16E GAWR : FRONT 1838 KG ( 4050 LB) WITH LT245/75R16E **BLUE BIRD BODY COMPANY** GVWR: 4356 KG ( 9600 LB) SUITABLE TIRE - RIM CHOICE MANUFACTURED BY DATE OF MFR. 12/08 16X7.0K 16X7.0K

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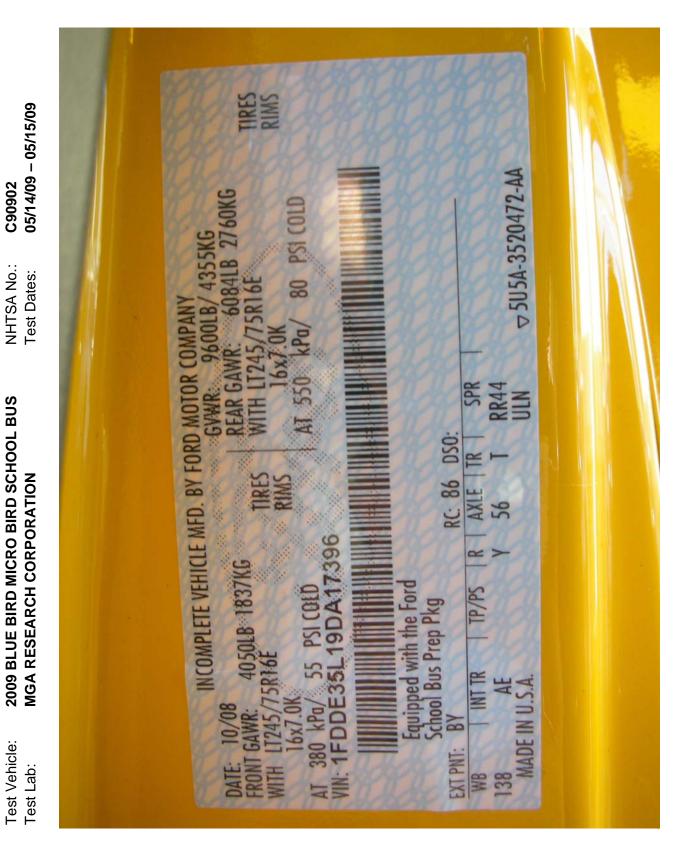
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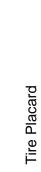
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Test Dates: 05	TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION	FRONT 1 REAR 15 go should never exceed 1099 k	COLD TIRE PRESSURE	379 KPA. 055 PSI	551 KPA. 080 PSI	379 KPA. 055 PSI		tradition of	
MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	TIRE AND L	SEATING CAPACITY TOTAL 17 FRONT 1 REAR 16 SEATING capacity and cargo should never exceed 1099 kg or 2423	SIZE	LT245/75R16E	F	LT245/75R16E			
Test Lab:			TIRE	FRONT	REAR	SPARE			

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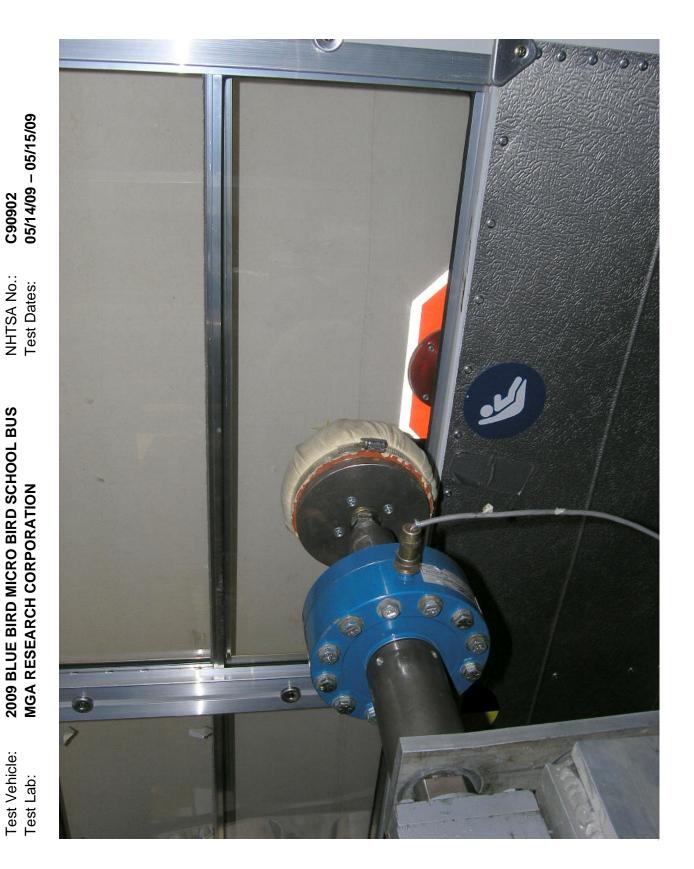
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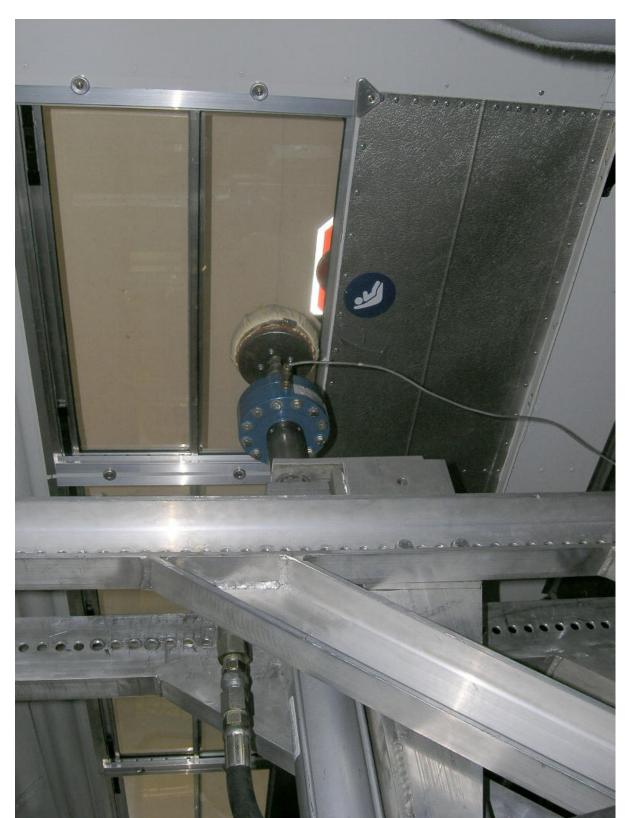






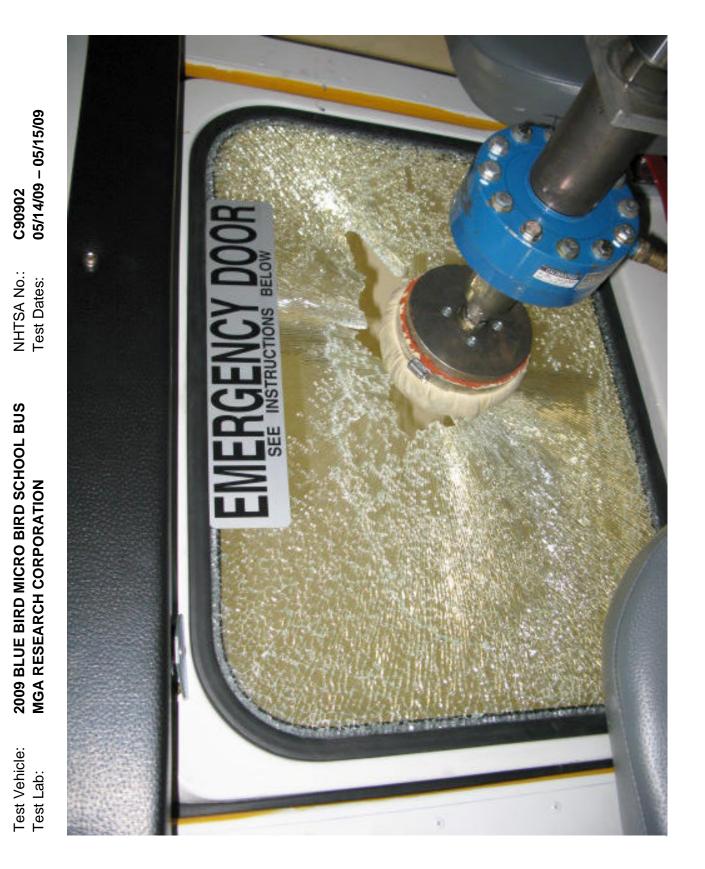


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Retention Test of Rear Exit Door, Upper Window (Pre-Test)





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