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SAFETY COMPLIANCE TESTING FOR FMVSS NO. 120 TIRE SELECTION AND RIMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A GVWR OF MORE THAN 4,536 kg

> GIRARDIN 2011 MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUS NHTSA NO.: CB0903

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# SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

The purpose of this test report is to document the results of tests performed on a MY 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: CB0903, in accordance with the requirements stated in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120, "Tire selection and rims for motor vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms."

This standard establishes requirements to ensure that applicable vehicles are equipped with tires of adequate size and load rating and rims of appropriate size and type designation.

# SECTION 2 TEST PROCEDURE AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Testing of the 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: CB0903, was conducted at MGA Research Corporation in accordance with NHTSA TP-120-03, dated April 10, 2000 and MGA-TP-120-03 dated November 20, 2002. The vehicle mounted tires and rims were surveyed to ensure that the rims were suitable for the tires and that the tires inflated to the maximum inflation pressure stated on the tire sidewall were appropriate for the vehicle's certified Gross Axle Weight Ratings (GAWR). The vehicle certification and tire information labeling was surveyed to ensure that the vehicle manufacturer's recommended rims were suitable for the recommended tires, and that the recommended tires inflated to the recommended inflation pressures stated on the labeling were appropriate for the vehicle's Certified GAWRs. The vehicle was ballasted and weighed in three different loading conditions to determine if axle or tire overloading could occur. The three loading conditions were:

Condition 1 – Unloaded Vehicle Weight (UVW).

- Condition 2 Vehicle in Condition 1 state plus the addition of ballast to simulate twenty passengers (one adult driver and nineteen students).
- Condition 3 Vehicle in Condition 2 state plus the addition of ballast to simulate cargo loading. Target vehicle load is the vehicle loaded to the certified gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR).

The vehicle mounted tires inflated to the inflation pressure labeled on the tire sidewall and the vehicle labeled tires inflated to the recommended cold inflation pressures have load ratings appropriate to carry the maximum loads as required by FMVSS No. 120. The vehicle rims are suitable for the vehicle tires and contain the required markings.

# TEST PROCEDURE AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Model Year / Mfr. / Make / Model	2011 Girardin Micro Bird	
Incomplete Vehicle Make / Model	Ford Motor	<sup>-</sup> Company
NHTSA No.	CB0	903
GVWR	5,216 kg	
Build Date for Bus	11/2010	
VIN	1FDEE3FLXBDA10617	
Designated Seating Capacity	(1 Driver, 19 Passengers)	
Vehicle Type	School Bus	
Tire Pressure from certification label (at capacity)	Front: 450 kPa	Rear: 450 kPa
Odometer Reading	190.5 miles	
Dealer Installed Optional Accessories	None Noted	

## SUMMARY

Requirements	PASS / FAIL
TIRE AND RIM SELECTION (S5.1)	PASS
Installed tires and rims are suitable for vehicle	
Rim Marking (S5.2)	PASS
Rims contain all required markings of proper dimensions	FASS
LABEL INFORMATION (S5.3)	
Vehicle has proper certification/tire information label. Label tires at	PASS
recommended inflation pressure and rims are suitable for vehicle.	
Weight Distribution (49 CFR 567 Certification)	PASS
Vehicle loaded with occupants and cargo does not exceed GVWR	FA33
Results	PASS
Test data indicates compliance with FMVSS 120	FA33

# SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

## **GENERAL TIRE AND RIM DATA**

Test Vehicle:	2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus	NHTSA No.:	CB0903
Test Lab:	MGA Research Corporation	Test Date:	2/18/11

GENERAL	DATA
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Tire Type: (Passenger car or other)	Light Truck
Are the tire and rim sizes the same for all axles, including the spare?	Yes
Does the tire size fitted to the axles appear on the Certification or Tire label? (If NO, describe)	Yes
Number of axles	2
Dual tires on rear axle(s)	Yes

## TIRE DATA FROM SIDEWALL

	Right Front
Manufacturer	Michelin
Brand	LTX
Tire Size	LT225/75R16
Maximum Tire Load Rating (kg)	Single: 1,215 kg Dual: 1,120 kg
De-rated Tire Load Rating (kg)	N/A
Maximum Inflation Pressure (KPa)	550
Tire has DOT symbol (Yes/No)	Yes
DOT serial number	B3JH

#### MOUNTED TIRE VS. AXLE RATING COMPARISON

(AT SIDEWALL MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE)

	Front Axle	Rear Axle
A. GAWR (kg) from certification label	1,837	3,545
B. (No. of tires) x (tire load rating (kg) from above table)	2,430	4,480
C. Is "B" equal to or greater than "A"? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes

#### **GENERAL TIRE AND RIM DATA**

Test Vehicle:	2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus	NHTSA No.:	CB0903
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#### **RIM MARKINGS**

	Right Front
A. Source of published dimensions (letter designation)	Т
B. Rim Size	16 x 6K
C. Does rim contain DOT symbol? (Yes/No)	Yes
D. Manufacturer's name, symbol or trademark (copy format)	FUMAGALLI
E. Date of manufacture or symbol	03 18 08
Do items A-C appear on weather side of rim? (Yes/No)	Yes
Letter height (not less than 3mm)	Yes – 3.89
Lettering (impressed or embossed)	Impressed
Are all rim markings legible? (Yes/No)	Yes
Do all markings comply with requirements? (Yes/No)	Yes
Rims are suitable for tires on vehicles? (Yes/No)	Yes

#### **RIM MEASUREMENTS**

	Right Front
Rim width	152 mm
Rim diameter	406 mm
Rim measurements same as rim markings? (Yes/No)	Yes

Requirements	PASS / FAIL
TIRE AND RIM SELECTION (S5.1) Installed tires and rims are suitable for vehicle	PASS
Rim Marking (S5.2) Rims contain all required markings of proper dimensions	PASS

Remarks: None

Tested By: 🗵 50 Tenel lal Janoc 9 Approved By: Date: February 18, 2011

#### **CERTIFICATION AND TIRE LABEL INFORMATION**

Test Vehicle:	2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus	NHTSA No.:	CB0903
Test Lab:	MGA Research Corporation	Test Date:	2/18/11

Label Design (Combined Certification and Tire Label)	Combined	
Label Design (Separate Tire Information Label)	N/A	
Label in English? (Yes/No)	Yes	
Block capital letter and numbers are not less than 2.4 mm in height (Yes/No)	Yes – 2.43	
Label is permanently affixed; describe method of affixing (rivets, glue, etc.)	Yes / Adhesive	
Does label text color contrast with background? (Yes/No)	Yes	
Location of Label(s) on the vehicle	Front Bulkhead Above Driver	

## LABEL INFORMATION

## TIRE AND RIM DATA FROM LABEL (FOR EACH GAWR/GVWR)

GVWR: <u>5,216</u> kg	Front Axle	Rear Axle
Tire Size	LT225/75R16	LT225/75R16
Rim Size (in)	16 X 6.0K	16 X 6.0K
Recommended inflation pressure (KPa)	450	450
Are labeled rims suitable for labeled tires (Yes/No) <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes
Referenced load rating at label recommended inflation pressure (kg) <sup>1</sup>	1,060	975

<sup>1</sup> Referenced source for tire/rim match and load rating data: <u>2011 Tire and Rim Association Yearbook</u>

GVWR: <u>5,216</u> kg	Front axle	Rear Axle
A.GAWR (kg) FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL	(C) 1,837	(D) 3,545
B.(No. of tires) x (Tire load rating (kg))	2,120	3,900
Is "B" equal or greater than "A"? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes
Is (C) plus (D) equal to or greater than GVWR? (Yes/No)	Yes	

## CERTIFICATION/TIRE LABEL MAXIMUM CAPACITY COMPARISON

## **CERTIFICATION AND TIRE LABEL INFORMATION**

Test Vehicle:	2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus	NHTSA No.:	CB0903
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Requirements	PASS / FAIL
LABEL INFORMATION (S5.3) Vehicle has proper certification/tire information label. Label tires at recommended inflation pressure and rims are suitable for vehicle.	PASS

Annroved By: Hichal Janon Date: February 18, 2011

#### WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

Test Vehicle:	2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus	NHTSA No.:	CB0903
Test Lab:	MGA Research Corporation	Test Date:	2/18/11

FLUID LEVELS	
Fuel:	FULL
Coolant:	FULL
Other Fluids: Washer fluid, brake fluid, etc.	FULL

TIRE PRESSURES				
Tire	Left Front	Right Front	Left Rear	Right Rear
Tire Pressure (KPa)	450	450	450	450

OCCUPANT AND CARGO LOADS		
Total Occupant Load (KG): [# of designated seating positions x 68 KG per adult or 54 KG per student]		1,094 (1-driver, 19-students)
Manufacturer's Rated Cargo Load (KG): [If not stated on vehicle or provided in owner's manual leave blank]		
Certified GVWR - Measured UVW - Total Occupant Load = Rated Cargo Load 5,216 KG – 3,687 KG – 1,094 KG = 435 KG (must be positive)		
Describe Placement of Cargo:	Front of Center Aisle	

#### WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

	Tire or	CONDI	TION 1	CONDI	TION 2	CONDITION 3		
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	Rating*	(k	g)	(kg	g)	(kg)		
	(kg)	Measured	Overload	Measured	Overload	Measured	Overload	
Left Front Tire	1,060	653	No	694	No	857	No	
Right Front Tire	1,060	687	No	717	No	821	No	
Front Axle	1,837	1,340	No	1,411	No	1,678	No	
Left Rear Tire	1,950	1,152	No	1,681	No	1,780	No	
Right Rear Tire	1,950	1,195	No	1,703	No	1,758	No	
Rear Axle	3,545	2,347	No	3,384	No	3,538	No	
Total Vehicle	5,216	3,687	No	4,795	No	5,216	No	

\* Vehicle and axle weight ratings (GVWR & GAWR) are located on the vehicle certification label plate. Vehicle tire load ratings are based upon the inflation pressure specified on the certification label plate for each respective axle, as determined from the appropriate tire manufacturer's specification table.

## WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

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Requirements	PASS / FAIL
Weight Distribution (49 CFR 567 Certification) Vehicle loaded with occupants and cargo does not exceed GVWR	PASS

Remarks: None

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	Digital Caliper	Vehicle Scale	Vehicle Scale	Tape Measure
Make	Mitutoyo	GSE	GSE	Stanley
Model	CD 6" CS	465	465	Powerlock 3M
Serial No.	07416506	004804&212091R	004804&212092R	573
Range	0 to 150 mm	0 to 20,000 lb	0 to 20,000 lb	0 to 8 m
Accuracy	0.01 mm	0.25% static	0.25% static	1 mm
Cal. Date	12/28/10	10/01/10	10/01/10	12/06/10
Cal. Due Date	06/28/11	09/29/11	09/29/11	06/06/11

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#### SCALE CALIBRATION SHEET

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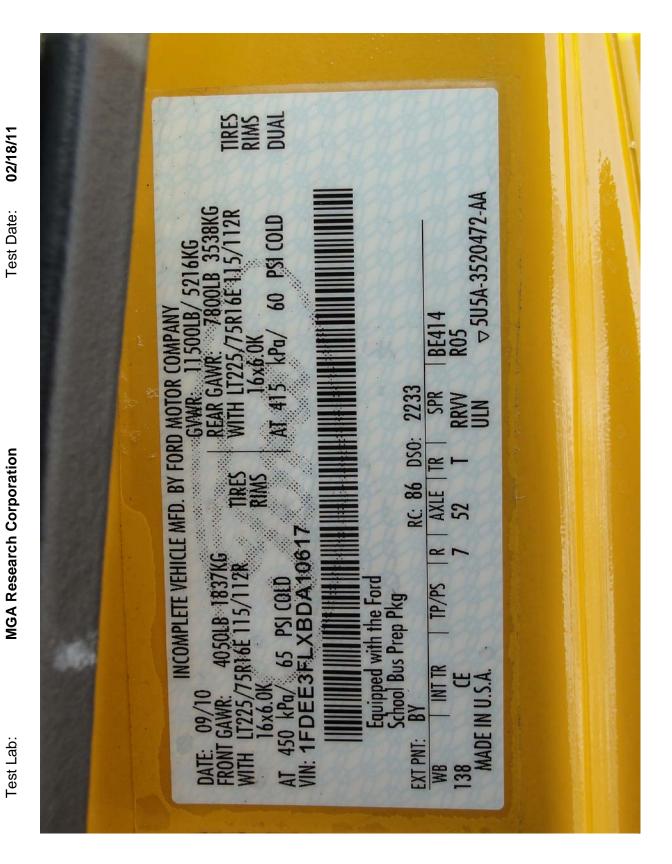
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Incomplete Vehicle Certification Label



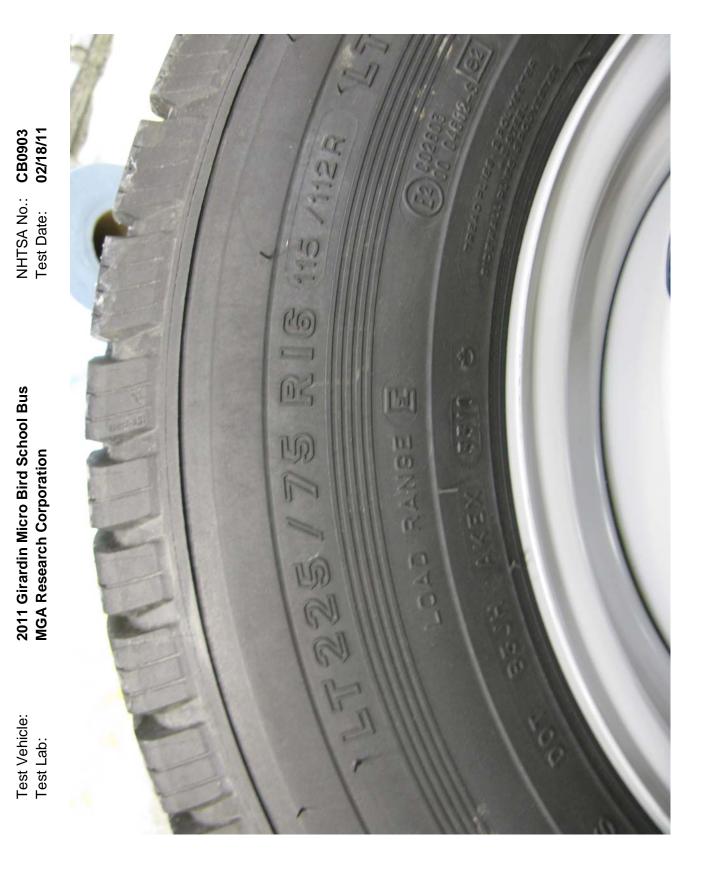
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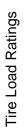
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**Rim Size and DOT Symbol** 

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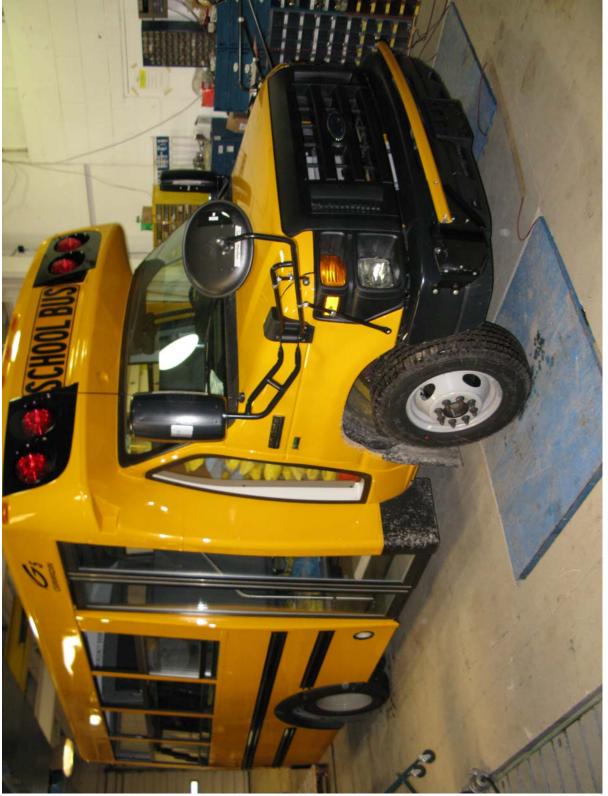
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