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

> GIRARDIN MINIBUS, INC. 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS NHTSA NO.: C80902

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# SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus, NHTSA No.: C80902, 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 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus, NHTSA No.: C80902, appeared to meet the requirements of FMVSS 217. See Data Sheet 1 for Test Summary.

# SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

The following data sheets document the results of testing on the 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus, NHTSA No.: C80902.

# DATA SHEET 1 TEST SUMMARY

## **GENERAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION**

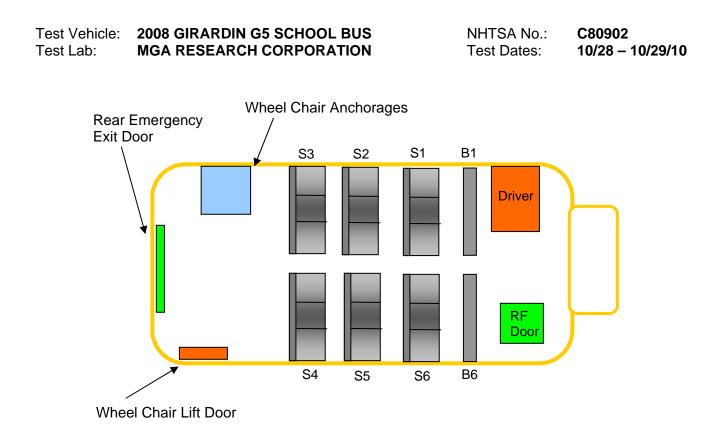
Model Year / Mfr. / Make / Model	2008 Girardin	G5 School Bus
NHTSA No.	C80	902
GVWR	6,373 kg /14,050 lbs	
Build Date for Bus Chassis	06/08	
VIN	1FD4E45PX8DB40217	
Seating Capacity	(1 Driver, 18 Passengers, 1 Wheelchair)	
Type of Bus	School Bus	
Tire Pressure from tire placard (at capacity)	Front: 450 kPa Rear: 550 kPa	
Odometer Reading	2,787 Miles	

	Pass / Fail
S5.1 WINDOW RETENTION	PASS
<b>S5.2</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
S5.3 EMERGENCY EXIT RELEASE	PASS
Forces to unlatch the emergency exits	PASS
Forces to open the emergency exits	PASS
S5.4 EMERGENCY EXIT OPENING	PASS
<b>\$5.5</b> EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION	PASS
S5.5 TAPE REFLECTIVITY (49CFR 571.131)	Not Tested

Comments: None

Recorded By: Line Janon

# DATA SHEET 2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS



		Height (mm)	Width (mm)
1	Rear Emergency Exit Door	1,328	840

Seating Capacity: 20 (Including Driver & Wheelchair Position)

Requirements	Pass / Fail
Bus meets minimum emergency exit provision, based upon Table 1.	PASS

# 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).	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.	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 operable from both the inside and outside the vehicle.	N/A
5	There is an even number of side emergency exit windows on each side of 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: <u>Eine</u> Approved By: <u>Hickal Janon</u>

## **DATA SHEET 3**

## EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C80902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:10/28 - 10/29/10

	Requirements	Pass / Fail
1	The engine starting system does NOT operate if any Emergency Exit is LOCKED.	PASS
2	All Emergency Door and Roof Exits can be released by one person (from inside and outside of 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

Lichal Janois Recorded By: Approved By:\_

## DATA SHEET 4A

## EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle:	2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C80902
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Dates:	10/28 – 10/29/10

## **EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - INTERIOR**

Exit Location	Rear Door
Exit Description	Emergency Door
Letter Height (cm)	5.0
Background Color	White
Location Inside	Above Door
Pass / Fail	PASS

#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - INTERIOR**

Exit Location	Rear Door
Instructions	Emergency Only To Open Pull Up And Push
Letter Height (cm)	1.0
Letter Color	Black
Background Color	White
Distance From Release (cm)	3.0
Reflective Tape Color	N/A
Reflective Tape Width (cm)	N/A
Pass / Fail	PASS

Comments: None

Approved By: Hickol Janon

## DATA SHEET 4B

## EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle:	2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C80902
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Dates:	10/28 – 10/29/10

## **EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - EXTERIOR**

Exit Location	Rear Door
Exit Description	Emergency Door
Letter Height (cm)	5.0
Background Color	Yellow
Location Outside	Top of Door
Pass / Fail	PASS

#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS – EXTERIOR**

Exit Location	Rear Door
Instructions	No Written Instructions Picture of Arrow
Letter Height (cm)	N/A
Letter Color	N/A
Background Color	N/A
Distance From Release (cm)	N/A
Reflective Tape Color	Yellow
Reflective Tape Width (cm)	2.5 cm
Pass / Fail	PASS

Comments: None

Approved By: Hickal Janon

## DATA SHEET 4

## EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle:	2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C80902
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Dates:	10/28 – 10/29/10

	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

Approved By: Hickal Janon

#### DATA SHEET 6A

## FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C80902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:10/28 - 10/29/10

Exit Location	Exit Description	High / Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement (N)	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) Required to Release Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Release Exit	Pass / Fail
				1. 40.0			
Rear	Emergency			2. 39.0	Pull	Pull	
Door	Door	High	178	3. 40.1	Handle Upward	Handle Upward	PASS
				Average: 39.7			

Comments: None

ichal Janois Recorded By: Approved By:

#### DATA SHEET 6B

## FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS – EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSTest Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION

NHTSA No.: C8 Test Dates: 10

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Exit Location	Exit Description	High / Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement (N)	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) Required to Release Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Release Exit	Pass / Fail
	Emergency Door High	High	178	1. 140.1	Mfr's Discretion	Lift Handle Upwards	PASS
				2. 130.4			
Rear Door				3. 122.2			
			Average: 130.9				

Comments: None

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### DATA SHEET 7A

## FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS – INTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C80902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:10/28 - 10/29/10

Exit Location	Exit Description	High / Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement (N)	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) Required to Open Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Open Exit	Passage of Ellipsoid or Parallelepiped	Pass / Fail
	Emergency Door	High	178	1. 17.8	Push Outward	Push Outward	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	
Rear				2. 24.3				PASS
Door				3. 24.2				
				Average: 22.1				

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 7B

## FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS – EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C80902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:10/28 - 10/29/10

Exit Location	Exit Description	High / Low Force Area	Maximum Force Requirement (N)	Actual Force Measured (N)	Motion(s) Required to Open Exit	Actual Motion(s) to Open Exit	Passage of Ellipsoid or Parallelepiped	Pass / Fail
	Emergency Door	High	178	4. 17.4	Pull Outward	Pull Outward	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	PASS
Rear				5. 18.3				
Door				6. 21.8				
				Average: 19.2				

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

Comments: None

Approved By: Hichael Janon

## **DATA SHEET 8**

## **EMERGENCY EXIT EXTENSION**

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSTest Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION

NHTSA No.: C80 Test Dates: 10/2

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	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 extend 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: Line Janon

# DATA SHEET 9 WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSNHTSA No.:C80902Test Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATIONTest Dates:10/28 - 10/29/10

1	Test Window Identification:	Left Rearmost Upper Glass				
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc.	Single Glazed, Vertical Sliding				
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	720 mm X 400 mm				
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the force per the PASS / FAIL criteria: (Yes: PASS; No: FAIL)	Glazing Developed Cracks at 36 seconds PASS				
5	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch and open the exit after the completion of the	Unlatch Force Measured (N) 1. N/A	Open Force Measured (N) 1. N/A	Pass / Fail N/A		
	retention test?	2. N/A	2. N/A	N/A		
		3. N/A	3. N/A	N/A		

Comments: None

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# DATA SHEET 9 WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle:2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUSTest Lab:MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION

 NHTSA No.:
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1	Test Window Identification:	Left Side	Left Side 4 <sup>th</sup> of 5 Lower Pane			
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.	700 mm X 400 mm				
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS / FAIL criteria: (Yes: PASS; No: FAIL)	Glazing Cracked PASS				
		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	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	completion of the retention test?	N/A	N/A	N/A		
		N/A	N/A	N/A		

Comments: None

Approved By: Hichael Janon

# **DATA SHEET 9** WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Lab:

NHTSA No.: C80902 Test Dates:

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1	Test Window Identification:	Rear Emerge	Rear Emergency Door Upper Pane			
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.	785 mm X 605 mm				
4	Did the window pass the retention requirements? Describe how the window structure and glazing withstood the force per the PASS / FAIL criteria: (Yes: PASS; No: FAIL)	Glazing Cracked PASS				
	· · · ·	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	40.3	22.0	PASS		
-	completion of the retention test?	42.0	21.0	PASS		
		40.6	21.3	PASS		

Comments: None

Approved By: Hichael Janon Recorded By:

# SECTION 4 INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Test Vehicle:	2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS	NHTSA No.:	C80902
Test Lab:	MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION	Test Dates:	10/28 – 10/29/10

Equipment	Description	Model / Serial No.	Cal. Date	Next Cal. Date
Head Form	MGA	217	When Used	When Used
Sphere	MGA	Sphere – 1A	When Used	When Used
Load Cell	Interface	1210AF / 22566	09/09/10	03/09/11
String Pot.	Ametek	P-40A / 0504-21782	08/10/10	02/10/11
Inclinometer	Digital Protractor	Pro 360 / 006	09/24/10	03/24/11
Digital Calipers	Mitutoyo	CD-6"CSX / 07416506	11/12/09	11/12/10
Steel Tape	Stanley	Powerlock / 542	09/23/10	03/23/11
Ellipsoid	MGA	ELLIP – 1A	When Used	When Used
Parallelepiped	MGA	PARA – 1A	When Used	When Used
Force Gauge	Quantrol	55447-0039 / DMLC1120014	10/15/10	04/15/11

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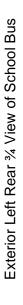




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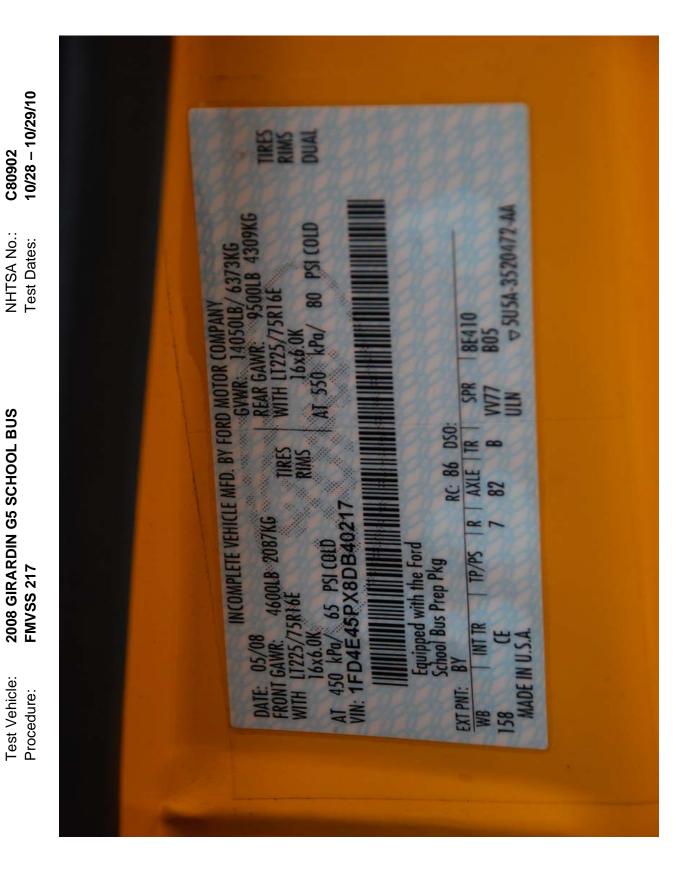


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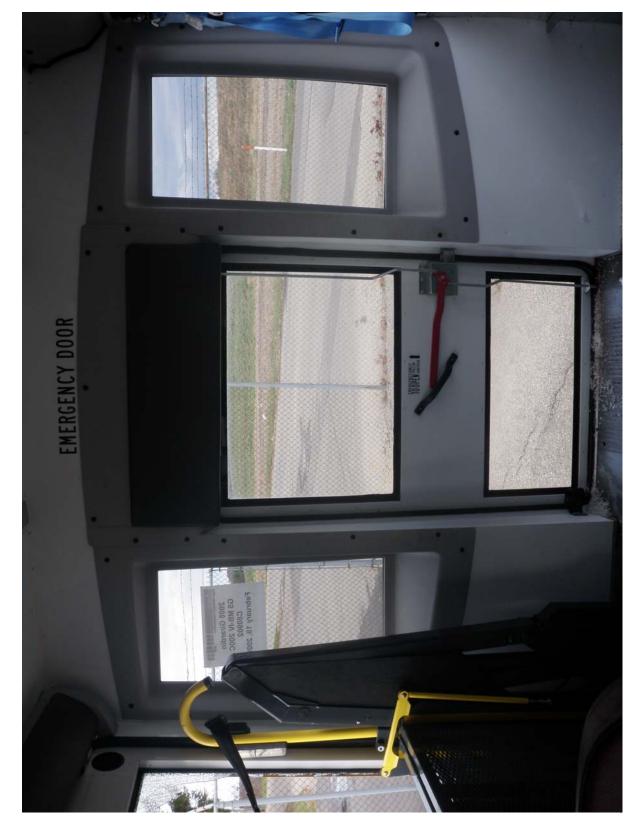




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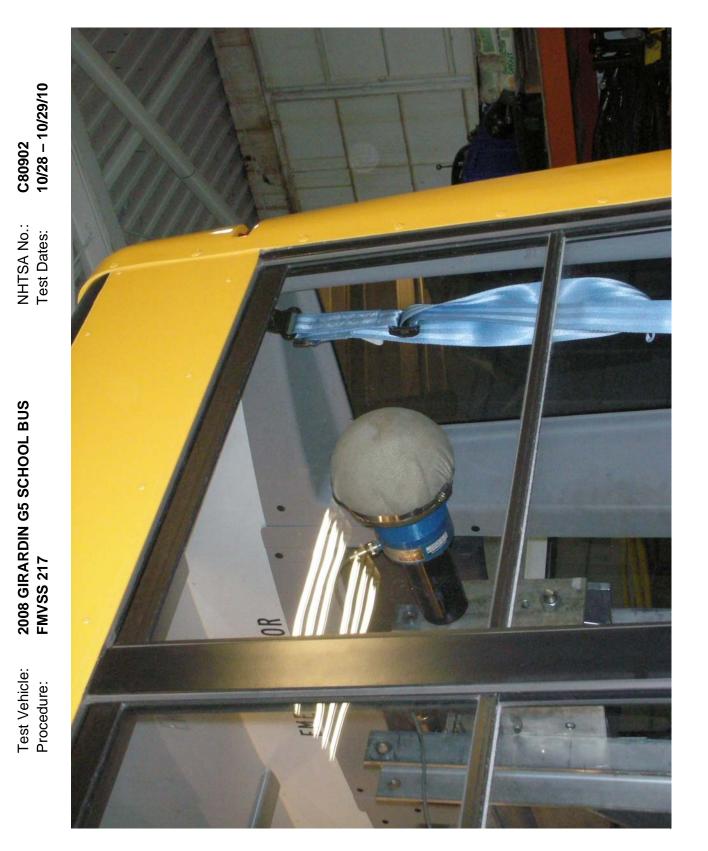


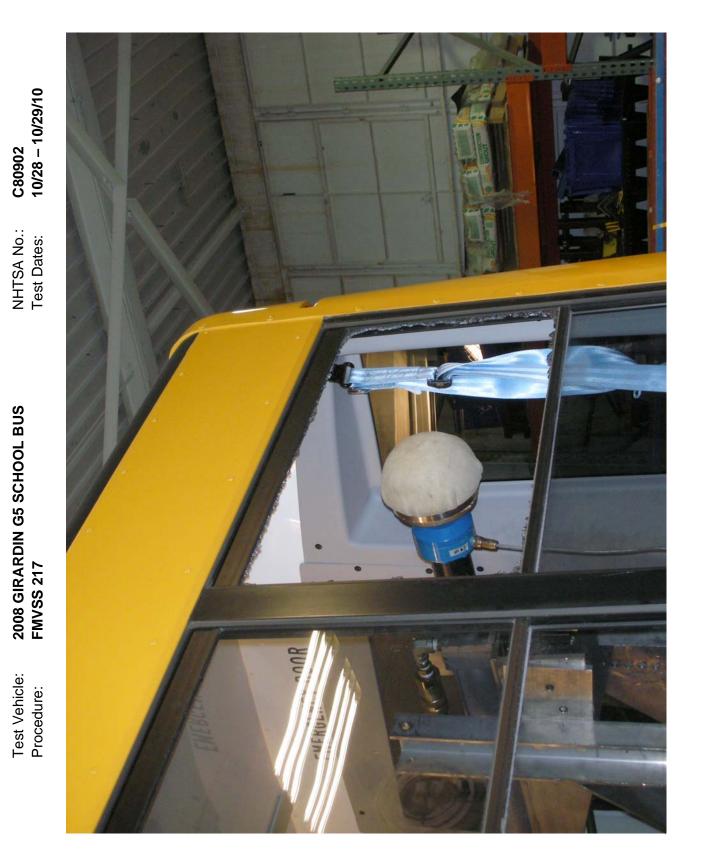


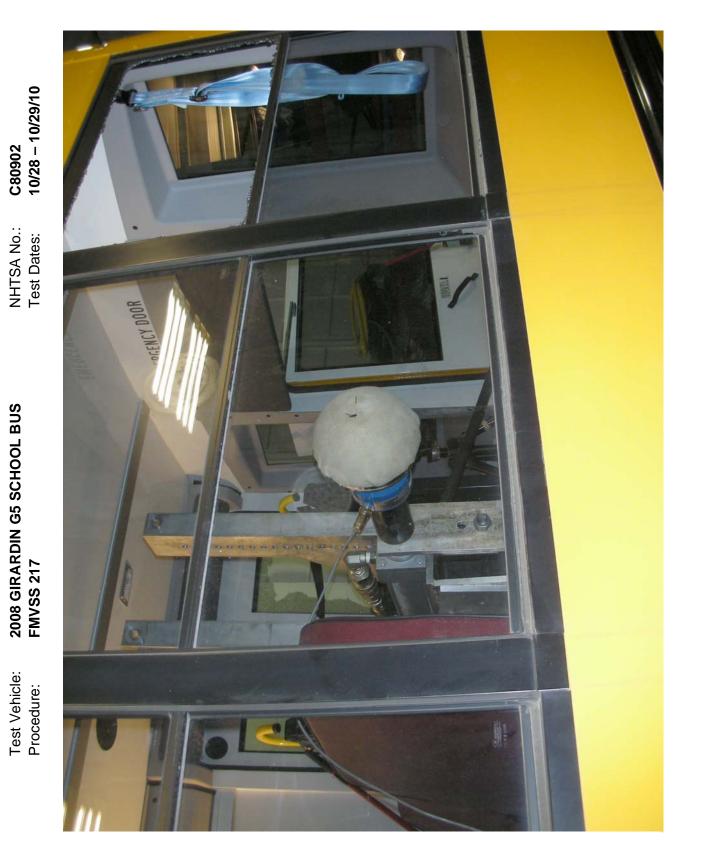


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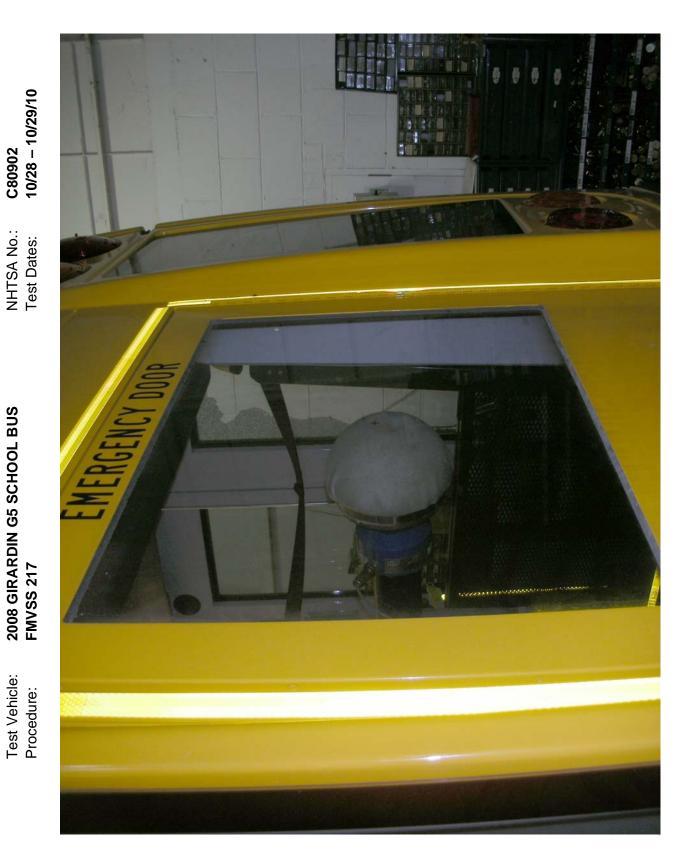












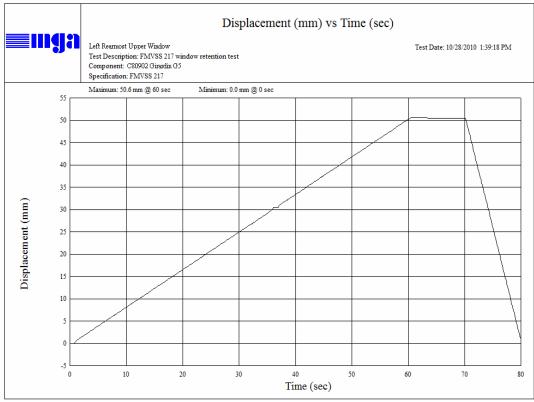


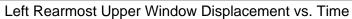
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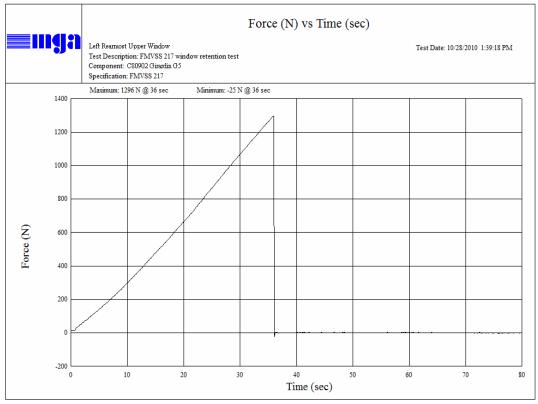


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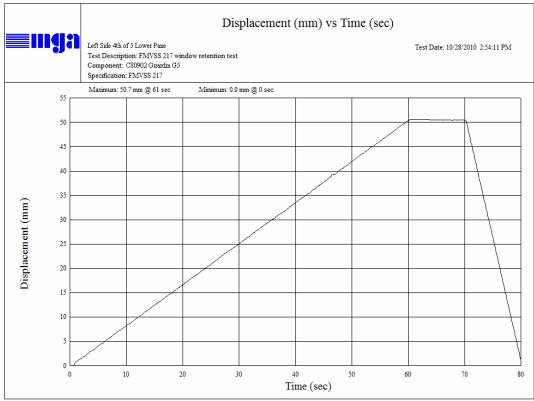
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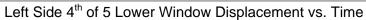


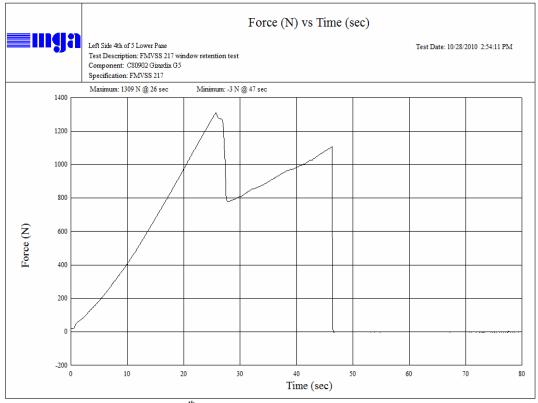


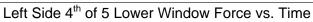


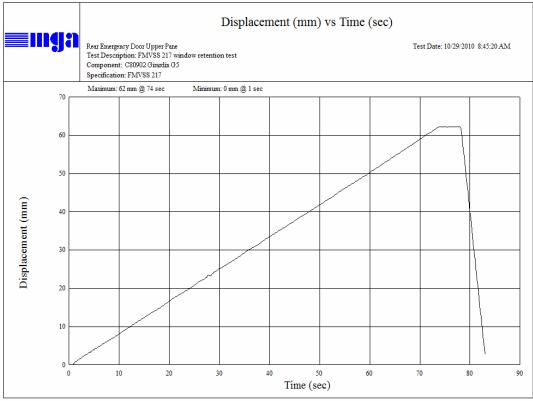




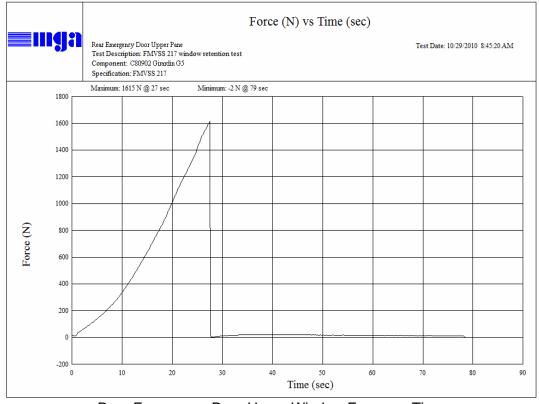








Rear Emergency Door Upper Window Displacement vs. Time



Rear Emergency Door Upper Window Force vs. Time