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2011 GIRARDIN MICRO BIRD SCHOOL BUS NHTSA NO.: CB0903

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Compliance tests were conducted on the subject 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: CB0903, in accordance with the specifications of the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance Test Procedure No. TP-217-06 for the determination of FMVSS 217 compliance.

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE TEST

Tests were conducted on a 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: CB0903, 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 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: CB0903, 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 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus, NHTSA No.: CB0903.

DATA SHEET 1 TEST SUMMARY

GENERAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

Model Year / Mfr. / Make / Model	2011 / Corp. Micro Bird Inc. Girardin / Micro Bird	
NHTSA No.	CB0903	
GVWR	5,216 kg / 11,500 lb	
Build Date for Bus Chassis 09/10		/10
VIN	1FDEE3FLXBDA10617	
Seating Capacity	1 Driver, 19 Passengers	
Type of Bus	School Bus	
Tire Pressure from tire placard (at capacity)	Front: 450 kPa	Rear: 450 kPa
Odometer Reading	199.1 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
S5.2.3.1.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
S5.4 EMERGENCY EXIT OPENING	PASS
\$5.5 EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING AND IDENTIFICATION	PASS
S5.5 TAPE REFLECTIVITY (49CFR 571.131)	Not Tested

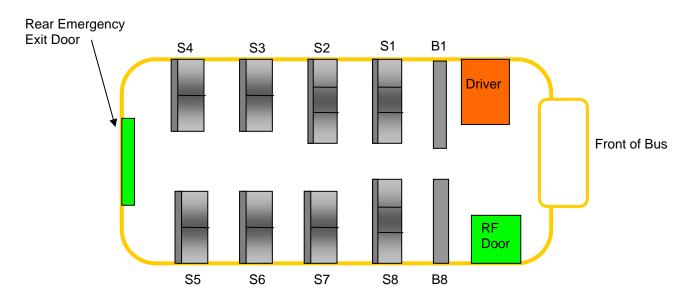
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DATA SHEET 2 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY EXITS

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11



		Height (mm)	Width (mm)
1	Rear Emergency Exit Door	1,330	840

Seating Capacity: 20 (Including Driver & Passengers)

Requirements	Pass / Fail
Bus meets minimum emergency exit provision, based upon Table 1. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	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). Yes – Pass; No – Fail	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. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	PASS
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: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

	Requirements	Pass / Fail
1	The engine starting system does NOT operate if any Emergency Exit is LOCKED. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	PASS
2	All Emergency Door and Roof Exits can be released by one person (from inside and outside of bus). Yes – Pass; No – Fail	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. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	PASS
4	Emergency exit release mechanism does not use remote controls or central power systems. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	PASS

Comments: None

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DATA SHEET 4A EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - INTERIOR

Exit Location	Rear Door
Exit Description	Emergency Door
Letter Height (cm)	5.1
Background Color	White
Location Inside	Above Exit Door
Pass / Fail	PASS

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS - INTERIOR

Exit Location	Rear Door
Instructions	Emergency Only To Open Pull Up & Push
Letter Height (cm)	1.02
Letter Color	Black
Background Color	White
Distance From Release (cm)	6.2
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: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING - EXTERIOR

Exit Location	Rear Door
Exit Description	Emergency Door
Letter Height (cm)	5.1
Background Color	Yellow
Location Outside	Above 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

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DATA SHEET 4 EMERGENCY EXIT IDENTIFICATION AND LABELING

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

	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. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	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. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	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. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	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. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	PASS

Comments: None

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

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

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	178	1. 27.8	Straight	Lift Handle Upward	PASS
Rear				2. 28.9			
Door				3. 26.7			
				Average: 27.8			

Comments: None

Recorded By:

Approved By:

DATA SHEET 6B

FORCE TESTS TO UNLATCH THE EMERGENCY EXITS - EXTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

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	178	1. 77.8	Rotary	Turn Handle Counter- Clockwise	PASS
Rear				2. 83.4			
Door				3. 63.4			
				Average: 74.9			

Comments: None

Recorded By:

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DATA SHEET 7A

FORCE TESTS TO OPEN THE EMERGENCY EXITS - INTERIOR

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

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
Rear	Emergency Door Hig	High	178	1. 13.3 2. 11.1 3. 8.9	Straight	Push	114x61x30	PASS
Door		5	11igii 170		3	Outward	Parallelepiped	

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: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: **CB0903** Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

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
		ncv	470	4. 13.3	Straight	Pull Outward	114x61x30 Parallelepiped	
Rear	Emergency			5. 13.3				D.4.00
Door	Door High	High	178	6. 13.3				PASS
			Average: 13.3					

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: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

	Requirements			
1	Exit(s) can be extended by a single person. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	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. Yes – Pass; No – Fail	PASS		

Comments: None

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DATA SHEET 9 WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

1	Test Window Identification:	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.	Fixe	d, Single Glaze	
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	Horizontal: 747 mm Vertical: 564 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	Yes - Glazing Cracked at 1,730 N PASS		
	Did the window pass the force tests to unlatch	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass / Fail
5	and open the exit after the completion of the retention test?	1. 22.2 2. 20.2	1. 2.5 2. 2.8	PASS PASS
	Yes – Pass; No – Fail	3. 21.2	3. 2.6	PASS

Comments: None

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DATA SHEET 9 WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

1	Test Window Identification:	Window W5 Rearmost Passenger Side Upper Pane		
2	Provide a detailed description of the window such as fixed, push out, single or double glazed, horizontal or vertical sliding, etc.	Sliding, Single Glazed		
3	Provide the horizontal and vertical glazing dimensions for each panel.	Horizontal: 720 mm Vertical: 402 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	Yes – Reached Maximum Displacement PASS		
	Did the window pass the force tests to	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass / Fail
5	unlatch and open the exit after the	N/A	N/A	N/A
	completion of the retention test? Yes – Pass; No – Fail	N/A	N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A	N/A

Date: 06/17/11

Comments: None

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DATA SHEET 9 WINDOW RETENTION TEST

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

1	Test Window Identification:	Window W4 Rearmost Driver Side 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.	Horizontal: 720 mm Vertical: 402 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	Yes - Glazing Cracked at 1,316 N PASS		
	Did the window pass the force tests to	Unlatch Force Measured (N)	Open Force Measured (N)	Pass / Fail
5	unlatch and open the exit after the	N/A	N/A	N/A
	completion of the retention test? Yes – Pass; No – Fail	N/A	N/A	N/A
		N/A	N/A	N/A

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Comments: None

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SECTION 4 INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Test Vehicle: 2011 Girardin Micro Bird School Bus NHTSA No.: CB0903
Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Date: 6/17/11

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	1010AF-5K-B / 258576	03/22/11	09/22/11
String Pot.	Ametek	P-25A / 1102-19183	02/11/11	08/11/11
Inclinometer	Digital Protractor	Pro 360 / 006	When Used	When Used
Digital Calipers	Mitutoyo	CD 6"CSX / 07416506	12/28/10	12/28/11
Steel Tape	Stanley	Powerlock / 612	03/24/11	09/24/11
Ellipsoid	MGA	ELLIP – 1A	When Used	When Used
Parallelepiped	MGA	PARA – 1A	When Used	When Used
Force Gauge	Wagner	FDK-60 / 18109	03/07/11	10/07/11

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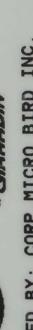
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MFD BY: CORP.MICRO BIRD INC.
DATE OF MANUFACTURE NOVEMBER 2010

BODY NUMBER 11-24020 WI

GVWR 5,216 KG (11,500 LB) GAWR FRONT 1,837 KG (4,050 LB)

WITH LT225/75R16E TIRES 16X6.0K RIMS AT 450 KPA(65 PSI)

COLD SINGLE

GAWR REAR 3,545 KG (7,800 LB) WITH LT225/75R16E TIRES

THE PRIOR MANUFACTURERS IVD, WHERE APPLICABLE VEHICLE HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE COLD DUAL RIMS AT 450 KPA(65 PSI) 16X6.0K

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS, AND THEFT PROTEC-FION STANDARD, IF APPLICABLE IN EFFECT IN 11/10

THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL

VIN: 1FDEE3FLXBDA10617
TYPE CLASSIFICATION: SCHOOL BUS

RIMS INCOMPLETE VEHICLE MFD. BY FORD MOT NY STATE OF THE ST RC: 86 Equipped with the Ford School Bus Prep Pkg BY EXT PNT:

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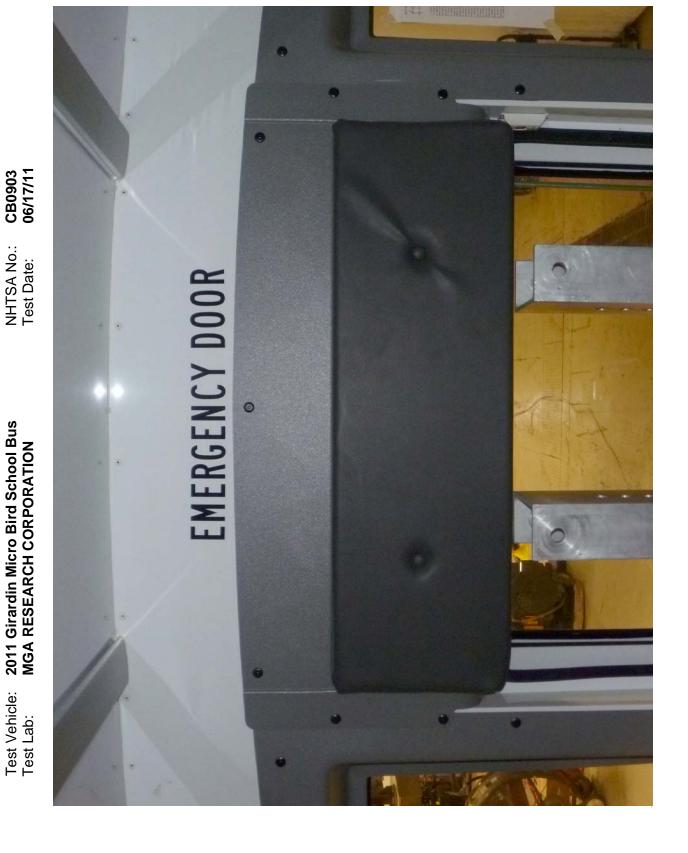
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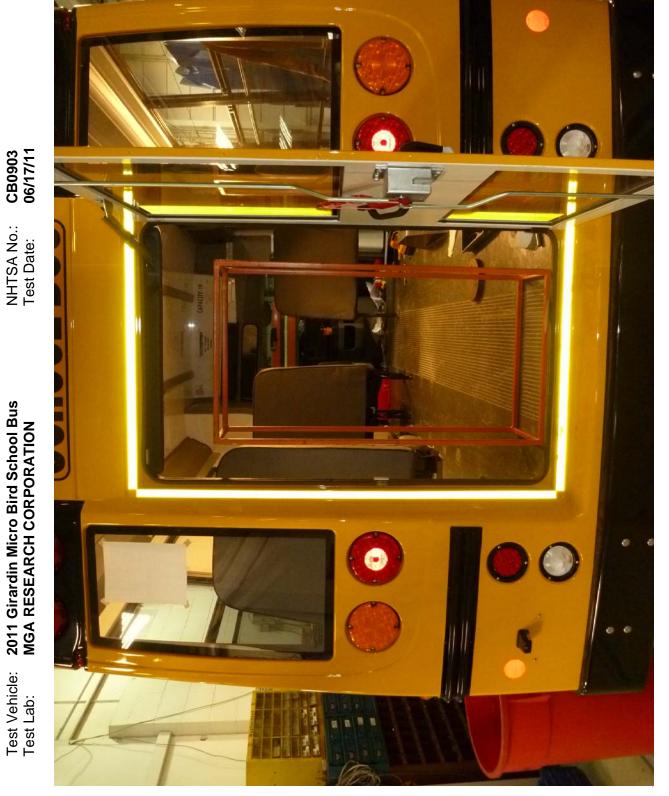


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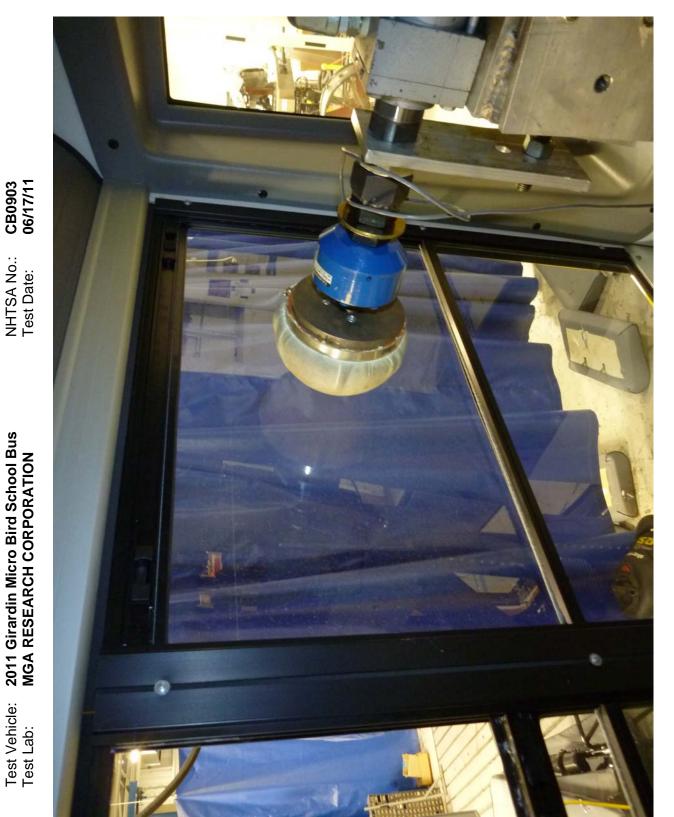


Window Retention Test of W5 Rearmost Passenger Side Upper Window (Pre-Test)

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Window Retention Test of W4 Rearmost Driver Side Lower Window (Pre-Test)



Window Retention Test of W4 Rearmost Driver Side Lower Window (Post-Test)



Window Retention Test of W4 Rearmost Driver Side Lower Window Outside View (Post-Test)



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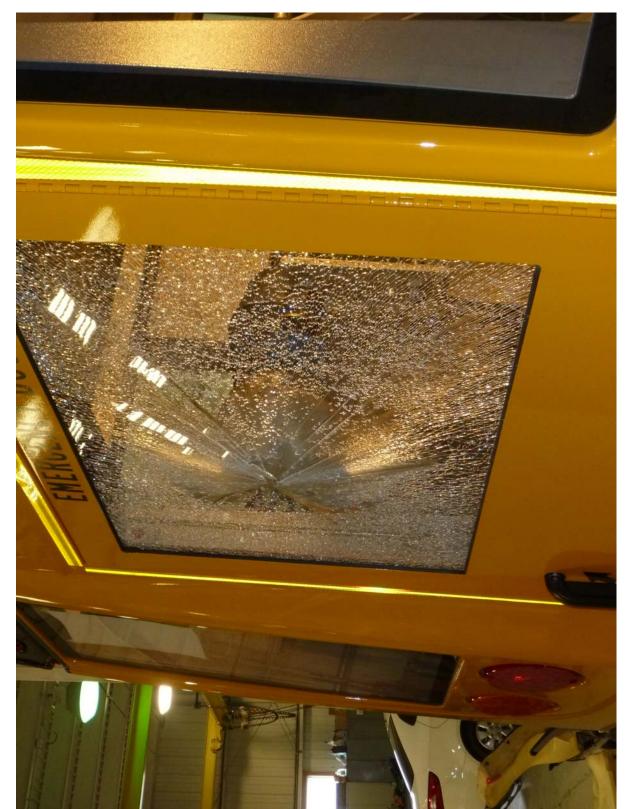
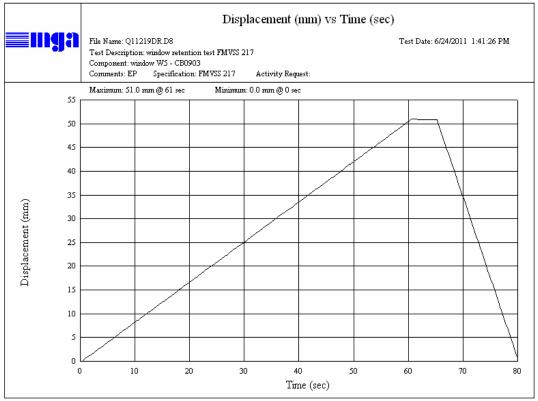


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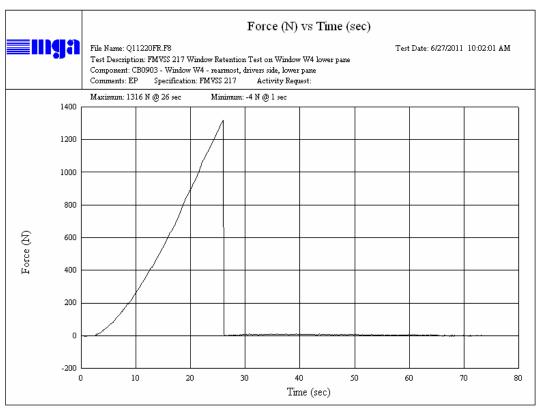
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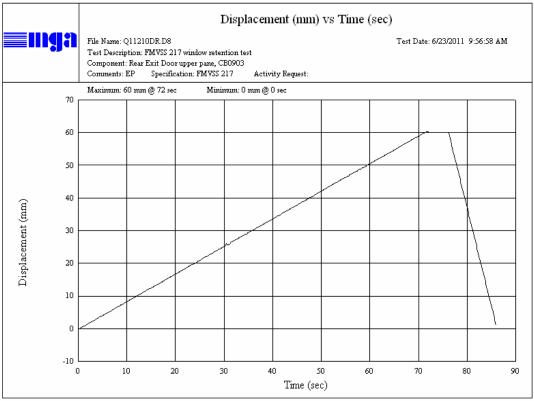
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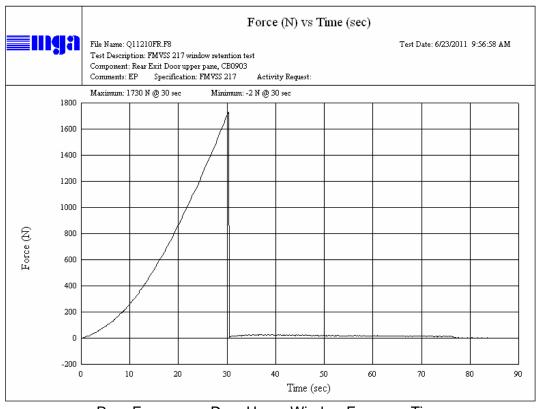
W4 Rearmost Driver Side Lower Window Displacement vs. Time



W4 Rearmost Driver Side Lower Window Force vs. Time



Rear Emergency Door Upper Window Displacement vs. Time



Rear Emergency Door Upper Window Force vs. Time