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

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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 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus, NHTSA No.: C80902, 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 2008 Girardin G5 School Bus, NHTSA No.: C80902, 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, one wheelchair position and eighteen students).
- Condition 3 Vehicle in Condition 2 state plus the addition of ballast to simulate cargo loading. Target vehicle load is 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.

SECTION 2...continued TEST PROCEDURE AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Model Year/Mfr. /Make/Model:	2008 Girardin G5	
Incomplete Vehicle Make/Model:	Ford	
NHTSA No.:	C80902	
GVWR:	6,373 KG / 14,050 lbs	
Build Date for Bus Chassis:	06/08	
VIN:	1FD4E45PX8DB40217	
Designated Seating Capacity:	(1 Driver, 18 Passengers, 1 Wheelchair)	
Vehicle Type:	School Bus	
Tire Pressure from certification label (at capacity):	Front: 450 KPa	Rear: 550 KPa
Odometer Reading:	2750 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	Pass
Rim Marking (S5.2)	Pass
Rims contain all required markings of proper dimensions	Pass
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)	Door
Vehicle loaded with occupants and cargo does not exceed GVWR	Pass
Results:	Door
Test data indicates compliance with FMVSS 120	Pass

SECTION 3

COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

DATA SHEET 1

GENERAL TIRE AND RIM DATA

Test Vehicle: 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C80902

Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Dates 05/04/09 - 05/08/09

GENERAL DATA

Tire Type: (Passenger car or other)	Light Truck
Are the tire and rim sizes the same for all axles, including the spare?	Yes – No Spare
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 M/S	
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	DOT B3JHFBXX0908	

MOUNTED TIRE VS. AXLE RATING COMPARISON

(AT SIDEWALL MAXIMUM INFLATION PRESSURE)

	Front Axle	Rear Axle
A. GAWR (KG) from certification label	2,087	4,309
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

DATA SHEET 1...continued GENERAL TIRE AND RIM DATA

Test Vehicle: 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C80902

Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Dates 05/04/09 - 05/08/09

RIM MARKINGS

	Right Front
A. Source of published dimensions (letter designation)	Т
B. Rim Size	16 x 6 K
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 24 08
Do items A-C appear on weather side of rim? (Yes/No)	Yes
Letter height (not less than 3mm)	4 mm
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: Bwan Koak

Approved By:

Date: May 8, 2009

DATA SHEET 2 CERTIFICATION AND TIRE LABEL INFORMATION

Test Vehicle: 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C80902

Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Dates 05/04/09 – 05/08/09

LABEL INFORMATION

Label Design (Combined Certification and Tire Label):	Yes
Label Design (Separate Tire Information Label):	No
Label in English? (Yes/No)	Yes
Block capital letter and numbers are not less than 2.4 mm in height (yes/no):	Yes
Label is permanently affixed; describe method of affixing (rivets, glue, etc.)	Yes/ Glue
Does label text color contrast with background? (yes/no)	Yes
Location of Label(s) on the vehicle:	Above Windshield on the Driver's Side

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

GVWR: <u>6,373</u> KG	Front Axle	Rear Axle
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Tire Size	LT225/75R16E	LT225/75R16E
Rim Size	16 x 6.0 K	16 x 6.0 K
Recommended inflation pressure (KPa)	450	550
Are labeled rims suitable for labeled tires (Yes/No) ¹	Yes	Yes
Referenced load rating at label recommended inflation pressure (KG) ¹	1060	1120

¹ Referenced source for tire/rim match and load rating data: <u>2009 Tire & Rim Assoc. Year Book</u>

CERTIFICATION/TIRE LABEL MAXIMUM CAPACITY COMPARISON

GVWR: <u>6.373</u> KG	Front axle	Rear Axle		
A.GAWR (KG) FROM CERTIFICATION LABEL	(C) 2,087	(D) 4,309		
B.(No. of tires) x (Tire load rating (KG))	2,120	4,480		
Is "B" equal or greater than "A"? (Yes/No)	Yes	Yes		
Is (C) plus (D) equal to or greater than GVWR? (Yes/No)	Yes			

Requirements	Pass/Fail
LABEL INFORMATION (\$5.3)	
Vehicle has proper certification/tire information	Pass
label. Label tires at recommended inflation	
pressure and rims are suitable for vehicle.	

Tested By: Bwan Koas

Date: May 8, 2009

Approved By:

DATA SHEET 3 WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

Test Vehicle: 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C80902

Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Dates 05/04/09 - 05/08/09

FLUID LEVELS								
Fuel:			FULL					
Coolant:				FULL				
Other Fluids: Washer fluid, brake	<u>e fluid, etc.</u>			FULL				
	TIRE PRE	SSURE	S					
Tire	Left Front	Right	nt Front Left Rear Right F					
Tire Pressure (KPa)	450	45	50	550	550			
00	CUPANT AND	CARG	D LOAI	os				
Total Occupant Load (KG): [# of designated seating positions x 68 KG per adult or 54 KG per student] 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 $\underline{6,373}$ KG $-\underline{4,596}$ KG $-\underline{1,094}$ KG $=\underline{683}$ KG (must be positive)								
Describe Placement of Cargo:	Behind driver's seat, in center aisle and behind rearmost seats							

WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

ITEM	Tire or Vehicle Rating*	CONDITION 1 UVW (KG)		CONDITION CONDIT	occupants	CONDITION 3 Cond. 2 + cargo (KG)		
	(KG)	Measured	Overload	Measured	Overload	Measured	Overload	
Left Front Tire	1,060	738	No	870	No	1,010	No	
Right Front Tire	1,060	892	No	996	No	1,057	No	
Front Axle	2,087	1,630	No	1,866	No	2,067	No	
Left Rear Tire	2,240	1,398	No	1,864	No	2,160	No	
Right Rear Tire	2,240	1,568	No	1,960	No	2,146	No	
Rear Axle	4,309	2,966	No	3,824 No		4,306	No	
Total Vehicle	6,373	4,596	No	5,690	No	6,373	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.

DATA SHEET 3...continued WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

Test Vehicle: 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C80902

Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Dates 05/04/09 - 05/08/09

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

Remarks: None

Date: May 8, 2009

Tested By: 15 man Koat

Approved By: Hilal Janoc

SECTION 4 INSTRUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Test Vehicle: 2008 GIRARDIN G5 SCHOOL BUS NHTSA No.: C80902

Test Lab: MGA RESEARCH CORPORATION Test Dates 05/04/09 - 05/08/09

	Digital Caliper	Vehicle Scale	Tape Measure
Make	Mitutoyo	GSE	Stanley
Model	CD-6" GS	465	Powerlock
Serial # (s)	0004174	004804	545
Range	0-152 mm	0 to 20,000 lb	0 to 8 m
Accuracy	0.01 mm	0.25% static	1 mm
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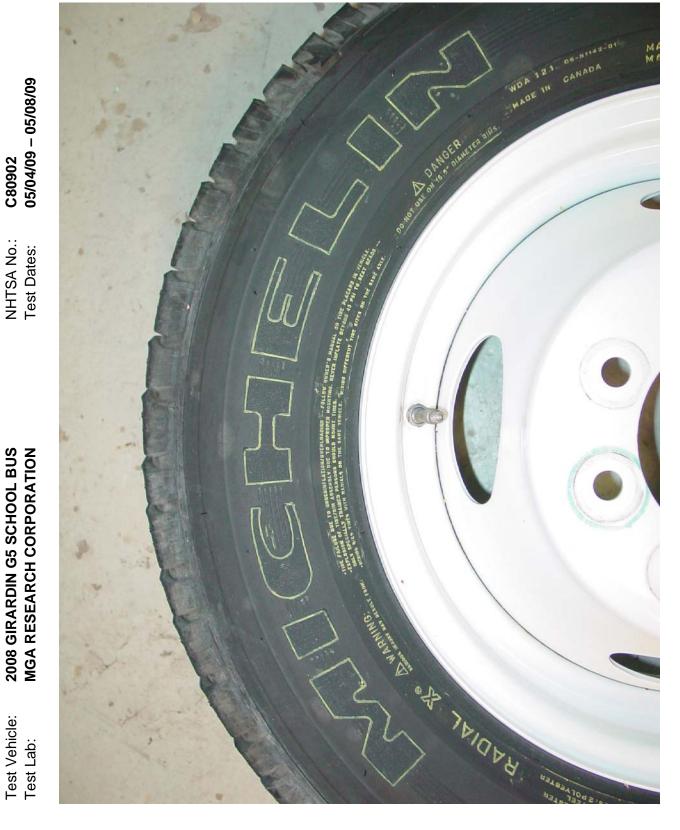
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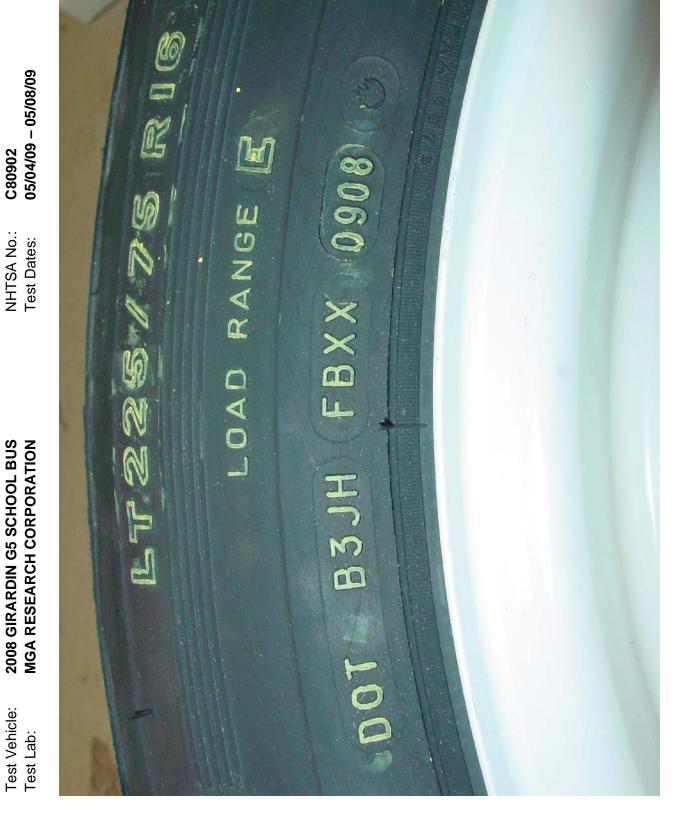
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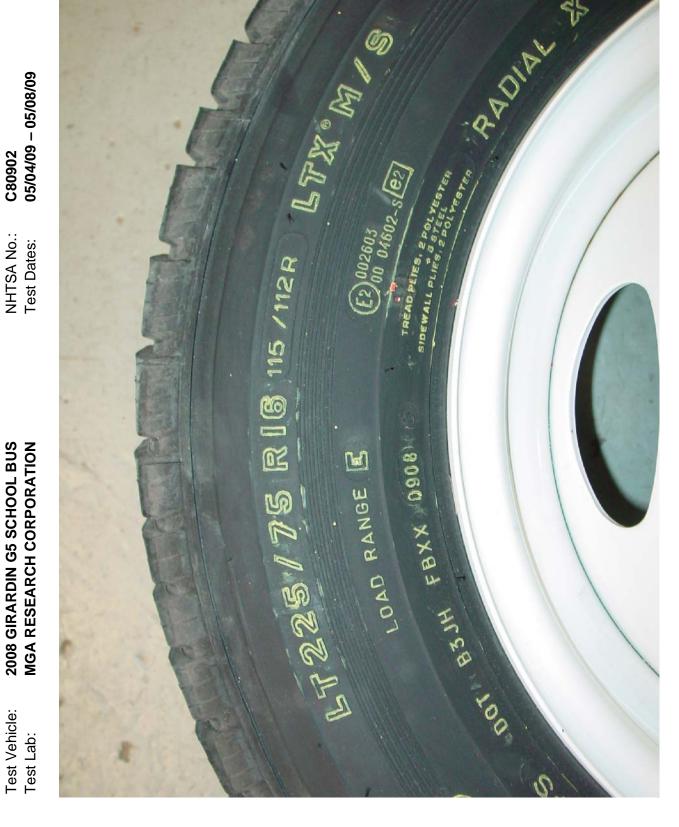
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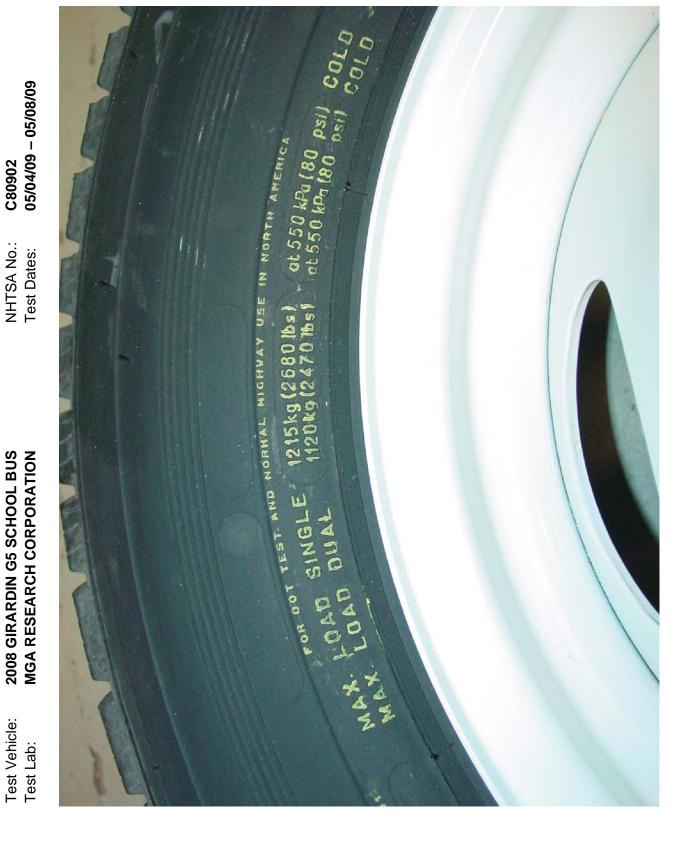
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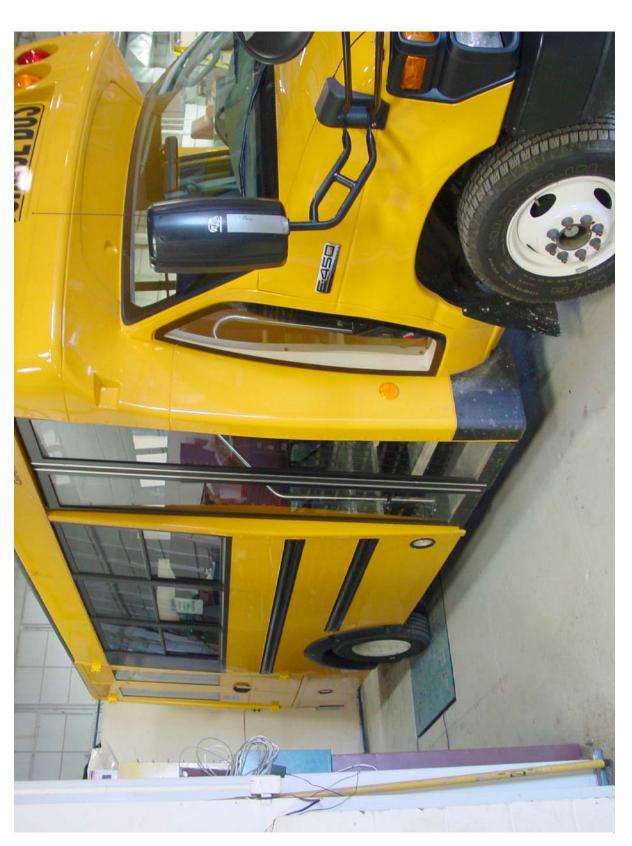
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