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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Glaval Bus submitted a model Universal, diesel powered 26 seat/25-foot bus, for a 5 year/150,000 mile STURAA test. The odometer reading at the time of delivery was 493.0 miles. Testing started on May 11, 1999, and was completed on July 19, 1999. The Check-In section of the report provides a description of the bus and specifies its major components.

The primary part of the test program is the Structural Durability Test, which also provides the information for the Maintainability and Reliability results. The Structural Durability Test started on May 20, 1999 and was completed on July 9, 1999.

The interior of the bus is configured with seating for 26 passengers including the driver. Additionally, free floor space will accommodate 10 standing passengers resulting in a potential load of 36 persons. At 150 lbs per person, this load results in a total vehicle weight of 15,340 lbs and exceeds the GAWR of the rear axle (9,450 lbs). In order to avoid exceeding the axle weight ratings, ballast simulating all 10 standing passengers (1,500 lbs) and 1 rear seated passenger (150 lbs) was removed. Elimination of this ballast resulted in an adjusted gross vehicle weight of 13,730 lbs. The adjusted weight was used for both the GVW and middle SLW segments of the Structural Durability Test. The final segment of the test was performed at a CW of 10,110 lbs. Durability driving resulted in several failures that required unscheduled maintenance. A description of failures, and a complete and detailed listing of scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, is provided in the Maintainability section of this report.

The components covered in Section 1.3 (Repair and/or Replacement of Selected Subsystems) along with all other components encountered during testing were found to be readily accessible and no restrictions were noted.

The Reliability Section compiles failures that occurred during structural durability testing. Breakdowns are classified according to subsystems. The data in this section are arranged so that those subsystems with more frequent problems are apparent. Also the problems are listed by class as defined in Section 2. The test bus encountered no Class 1 or Class 2 failures. Of the eight reported failures, seven were Class 3 and one was Class 4.

The Safety Test, a double-lane change maneuver was safely performed in both right-hand and left-hand directions up to a maximum test speed of 45 mph. The performance of the bus is illustrated by a speed vs. time plot. Acceleration and gradeability test data are provided in Section 4, Performance. The average time to obtain 50 mph was 18.55 seconds.

The Shakedown Test produced a maximum final loaded deflection of 0.069 inches under a distributed static load of 13,500 lbs. The test resulted in essentially no permanent deflection of the structure. The Distortion Test was completed with all subsystems, doors and escape mechanism operating properly. No water leakage was observed during the test. Due to the lack of tow eyes or tow hooks the Static Towing Test was not performed. The Dynamic Towing Test was performed by means of a front lift tow. The towing interface was accomplished by chaining to the front axle. The bus was towed without incident and no damage resulted from the test. The manufacturer does not recommend towing the bus from the rear, therefore a rear test was not performed. The Jacking and Hoisting Tests were performed without incident. The bus was found to be stable on the jack stands and the minimum jacking clearance, measured with a tire deflated, was 8.5 inches.

A Fuel Economy Test was run on simulated central business district, arterial, and commuter courses. The results were 6.64 mpg, 7.03 mpg, and 11.76 mpg respectively; with an overall average of 7.72 mpg.

A series of Interior and Exterior Noise Tests was performed. This data is listed in Section 7.1 and 7.2 respectively.

ABBREVIATIONS

ABTC	- Altoona Bus Test Center
A/C	- air conditioner
ADB	- advance design bus
ATA-MC	- The Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Association
CBD	- central business district
CW	- curb weight (bus weight including maximum fuel, oil, and coolant; but without passengers or driver)
dB(A)	- decibels with reference to 0.0002 microbar as measured on the "A" scale
DIR	- test director
DR	- bus driver
EPA	- Environmental Protection Agency
FFS	- free floor space (floor area available to standees, excluding ingress/egress areas, area under seats, area occupied by feet of seated passengers, and the vestibule area)
GVL	- gross vehicle load (150 lb for every designed passenger seating position, for the driver, and for each 1.5 sq ft of free floor space)
GVW	- gross vehicle weight (curb weight plus gross vehicle load)
GVWR	- gross vehicle weight rating
MECH	- bus mechanic
mpg	- miles per gallon
mph	- miles per hour
PM	- Preventive maintenance
PTI	- Pennsylvania Transportation Institute
rpm	- revolutions per minute
SAE	- Society of Automotive Engineers
SCH	- test scheduler
SEC	- secretary
SLW	- seated load weight (curb weight plus 150 lb for every designed passenger seating position and for the driver)
STURAA	- Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act
TD	- test driver
TECH	- test technician
TM	- track manager
TP	- test personnel

TEST BUS CHECK-IN

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this task is to log in the NBM, assign a NBM number, complete the vehicle data form, and perform a safety check.

II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test consists of assigning a NBM test number to the bus, cleaning the bus, completing the vehicle data form, obtaining any special information and tools from the manufacturer, determining a testing schedule, performing an initial safety check, and performing the manufacturer's recommended preventive maintenance. The bus manufacturer must certify that the bus meets all Federal regulations.

III. DISCUSSION

The check-in procedure is used to identify in detail the major components and configuration of the bus.

The test bus has a front door located to the rear of the front axle. (Note; this test bus was not equipped with a handicap device). The engine type is a diesel fueled Ford Power Stroke 7.3L. The transmission is a Ford E 40 D.

The measured curb weight is 4,140 lb for the front axle and 5,970 lb for the rear axle. These combined weights provide a total measured curb weight of 10,110 lb. The interior of the bus is configured with seating for 26 passengers including the driver. Additionally, free floor space will accommodate 10 standing passengers resulting in a potential load of 36 persons. At 150 lbs per person, this load results in a total vehicle weight of 15,340 lbs and exceeds the GAWR of the rear axle (9,450 lbs). This value was used for all static tests. In order to avoid exceeding the axle weight ratings, ballast simulating all 10 standing passengers (1,500 lbs) and 1 rear seated passenger (150 lb) was removed. Elimination of this ballast resulted in an adjusted gross vehicle weight of 13,730 lbs. The adjusted weight was used for both the GVW and SLW segments of the Structural Durability Test.

VEHICLE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Arrival Date: 5-11-99
Bus Manufacturer: Glaval Bus Ind.	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1FDWE40F0XHA40528
Model Number: Universal	Date: 5-11-99
Personnel: S.C.	

WEIGHT: *Values in the parentheses indicate the adjusted weights necessary to avoid exceeding the GAWR. These values were used for all dynamic testing.

Individual Wheel Reactions:

Weights (lb)	Front Axle		Middle Axle		Rear Axle	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
CW	2,000	2,140	N/A	N/A	3,120	2,850
SLW	2,080	2,290	N/A	N/A	4,860	4,500
GVW	(2,080) 2,050	(2,290) 2,310	N/A	N/A	(4,860) 5,690	(4,500) 5,290

Total Weight Details:

Weight (lb)	CW	SLW	GVW	GAWR
Front Axle	4,140	4,370	(4,370) 4,360	4,600
Middle Axle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rear Axle	5,970	9,360	(9,360) 10,980	9,450
Total	10,110	13,730	(13,730) 15,340	GVWR: 14,000

Dimensions:

Length (ft/in)	25.0 / 4.3
Width (in)	96.0
Height (in)	111.0
Front Overhang (in)	30.3
Rear Overhang (in)	88.0
Wheel Base (in)	186.0
Wheel Track (in)	Front: 67.0
	Rear: 77.8

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CLEARANCES:

Lowest Point Outside Front Axle	Location: Steering stabilizer Clearance(in): 11.1
Lowest Point Outside Rear Axle	Location: Fuel tank support Clearance(in): 13.5
Lowest Point between Axles	Location: Entry door Clearance(in): 8.7
Ground Clearance at the center (in)	13.7
Front Approach Angle (deg)	24.6
Rear Approach Angle (deg)	8.8
Ramp Clearance Angle (deg)	13.5
Aisle Width (in)	14.0
Inside Standing Height at Center Aisle (ft)	76.8

BODY DETAILS:

Body Structural Type	Integral		
Frame Material	Steel		
Body Material	Steel and fiberglass		
Floor Material	Plywood		
Roof Material	Steel and fiberglass		
Windows Type	☐ Fixed	☒ Movable	
Window Mfg./Model No.	Safety Inc. / M282		
Number of Doors	<u>1</u> Front	<u>0</u> Rear	
Mfr. / Model No.	Glaval / 32-manual		
Dimension of Each Door (in)	Front-30.5 x 83.5	Rear- N/A	
Passenger Seat Type	☐ Cantilever	☒ Pedestal	☐ Other
Mfr. / Model No.	Freedman Seating Co. / NA		
Driver Seat Type	☐ Air	☐ Spring	☒ Other (Cushion)
Mfr. / Model No.	Freedman / BFDf1		

Number of Seats (including Driver)	26
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BODY DETAILS (Contd..)

Free Floor Space (ft ²)	15.0
Height of Each Step at Normal Position (in)	Front 1. <u>11.1</u> 2. <u>7.8</u> 3. <u>7.9</u> 4. <u>N/A</u>
	Middle 1. <u>N/A</u> 2. <u>N/A</u> 3. <u>N/A</u> 4. <u>N/A</u>
	Rear 1. <u>N/A</u> 2. <u>N/A</u> 3. <u>N/A</u> 4. <u>N/A</u>
Step Elevation Change - Kneeling (in)	N/A

ENGINE

Type	☒ C.I.	☐ Alternate Fuel	
	☐ S.I.	☐ Other (explain)	
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford Power Stroke / 7.3L		
Location	☒ Front	☐ Rear	☐ Other (explain)
Fuel Type	☐ Gasoline	☐ CNG	☐ Methanol
	☒ Diesel	☐ LNG	☐ Other (explain)
Fuel Tank Capacity (indicate units)	35.0 gals.		
Fuel Induction Type	☒ Injected	☐ Carburetion	
Fuel Injector Mfr. / Model No.	Ford Power Stroke / 7.3L		
Carburetor Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Fuel Pump Mfr. / Model No.	Ford Power Stroke / 7.3L		
Alternator (Generator) Mfr. / Model No.	Penntex Ind. / PX-520		
Maximum Rated Output (Volts / Amps)	14 / 200		
Air Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Maximum Capacity (ft ³ / min)	N/A		
Starter Type	☒ Electrical	☐ Pneumatic	☐ Other (explain)

Starter Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / Ford-Motorcraft
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TRANSMISSION

Transmission Type	☐ Manual	☐ Automatic	
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / E40D		
Control Type	☒ Mechanical	☐ Electrical	☐ Other (explain)
Torque Convertor Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / E40D		
Integral Retarder Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		

SUSPENSION

Number of Axles	2		
Front Axle Type	☒ Independent	☐ Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / Twin I-Beam		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	☐ Air	☒ Spring	☐ Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Motorcraft / CK1432F		
Middle Axle Type	☐ Independent	☐ Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	☐ Air	☐ Spring	☐ Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	N/A		
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Rear Axle Type	☐ Independent	☒ Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / 9450		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	4.10		
Suspension Type	☐ Air	☒ Spring	☐ Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		

Mfr. / Model No.	Motorcraft / CK08R2G
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WHEELS & TIRES

Front	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Accuride / NA
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Firestone LT225/75R16
Rear	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Accuride / NA
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Firestone LT225/75R16

BRAKES

Front Axle Brakes Type	☐ Cam	☒ Disc	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Kelsey Hayes / KH12795101		
Middle Axle Brakes Type	☐ Cam	☐ Disc	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Rear Axle Brakes Type	☐ Cam	☒ Disc	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Kelsey Hayes / KH12068401		
Retarder Type	N/A		
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		

HVAC

Heating System Type	☐ Air	☒ Water	☐ Other
Capacity (Btu/hr)	65,000		
Mfr. / Model No.	Pro Air / 65K		
Air Conditioner	☒ Yes	☐ No	
Location	Front-dash Rear-roof mount		
Capacity (Btu/hr)	67,000		
A/C Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	Carrier / CM-3		

STEERING

Steering Gear Box Type	Hydraulic gear
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / Power
Steering Wheel Diameter	15.4

Number of turns (lock to lock)	4
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OTHERS

Wheel Chair Ramps	Location: N/A	Type: N/A
Wheel Chair Lifts	Location: N/A	Type: N/A
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A	
Emergency Exit	Location: Windows Doors	Number: 3 1

CAPACITIES

Fuel Tank Capacity (gallons)	35.0
Engine Crankcase Capacity (gallons)	3.5
Transmission Capacity (gallons)	4.0
Differential Capacity (gallons)	0.5
Cooling System Capacity (gallons)	7.5
Power Steering Fluid Capacity (Quarts)	1.5

VEHICLE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-11-99
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List all spare parts, tools and manuals delivered with the bus.

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COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM INSPECTION FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-11-99
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Subsystem	Checked	Comments
Air Conditioning Heating and Ventilation	✓	
Body and Sheet Metal	✓	Left side rear view mirror damaged when received.
Frame	✓	
Steering	✓	
Suspension	✓	
Interior/Seating	✓	
Axles	✓	
Brakes	✓	
Tires/Wheels	✓	
Exhaust	✓	
Fuel System	✓	
Power Plant	✓	
Accessories	✓	
Lift System	N/A	
Interior Fasteners	✓	
Batteries	✓	

CHECK - IN



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1. MAINTAINABILITY

1.1 ACCESSIBILITY OF COMPONENTS AND SUBSYSTEMS

1.1-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to check the accessibility of components and subsystems.

1.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

Accessibility of components and subsystems is checked, and where accessibility is restricted the subsystem is noted along with the reason for the restriction.

1.1-III. DISCUSSION

The components covered in Section 1.3 (Repair and/or Replacement of Selected Subsystems) along with all other components were found to be readily accessible and no restrictions were noted.

ACCESSIBILITY DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-12-99
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Component	Checked	Comments
ENGINE :		
Oil Dipstick	✓	
Oil Filler Hole	✓	
Oil Drain Plug	✓	
Oil Filter	✓	
Fuel Filter	✓	
Air Filter	✓	Limited access to the top of engine
Belts	✓	
Coolant Level	✓	
Coolant Filler Hole	✓	
Coolant Drain	✓	
Spark / Glow Plugs	✓	
Alternator	✓	
Diagnostic Interface Connector	✓	
TRANSMISSION :		
Fluid Dip-Stick	✓	
Filler Hole	✓	
Drain Plug	N/A	
SUSPENSION :		
Bushings	✓	
Shock Absorbers	✓	
Air Springs	✓	
Leveling Valves	N/A	
Grease Fittings	✓	

ACCESSIBILITY DATA FORM

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Component	Checked	Comments
HVAC :		
A/C Compressor	✓	
Filters	✓	
Fans	✓	
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM :		
Fuses	✓	
Batteries	✓	Aux. Battery has limited removal access.
Voltage regulator	N/A	
Voltage Convertors	✓	
Lighting	✓	
MISCELLANEOUS :		
Brakes	✓	
Handicap Lifts/Ramps	N/A	
Instruments	✓	
Axles	✓	
Exhaust	✓	
Fuel System	✓	
OTHERS :		

1.2 SERVICING, PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE DURING TESTING

1.2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to collect maintenance data about the servicing, preventive maintenance, and repair.

1.2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test will be conducted by operating the NBM and collecting the following data on work order forms and a driver log.

1. Unscheduled Maintenance
 - a. Bus number
 - b. Date
 - c. Mileage
 - d. Description of malfunction
 - e. Location of malfunction (e.g., in service or undergoing inspection)
 - f. Repair action and parts used
 - g. Man-hours required
2. Scheduled Maintenance
 - a. Bus number
 - b. Date
 - c. Mileage
 - d. Engine running time (if available)
 - e. Results of scheduled inspections
 - f. Description of malfunction (if any)
 - g. Repair action and parts used (if any)
 - h. Man-hours required

The buses will be operated in accelerated durability service. While typical items are given below, the specific service schedule will be that specified by the manufacturer.

- A. Service
 1. Fueling
 2. Consumable checks
 3. Interior cleaning
- B. Preventive Maintenance
 4. Brake adjustments
 5. Lubrication
 6. 3,000 mi (or equivalent) inspection
 7. Oil and filter change inspection

8. Major inspection
9. Tune-up

C. Periodic Repairs

1. Brake reline
2. Transmission change
3. Engine change
4. Windshield wiper motor change
5. Stoplight bulb change
6. Towing operations
7. Hoisting operations

1.2-III. DISCUSSION

Servicing and preventive maintenance were performed at manufacturer specified intervals. The following Scheduled Maintenance Form lists the mileage, items serviced, the service interval, and amount of time required to perform the maintenance. Table 1 is a list of the lubricating products used in servicing. Finally, the Unscheduled Maintenance List along with Unscheduled Maintenance related photographs is included in Section 5.7, Structural Durability. This list supplies information related to failures that occurred during the durability portion of testing. The Unscheduled Maintenance List includes the date and mileage at which the malfunction occurred, a description of the malfunction and repair, and the time required to perform the repair.

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SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE
 Glavel 9910

DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	DOWN TIME	HOURS
05-25-99	729	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
06-02-99	1,598	P.M. / Inspection Fuel Economy Prep.	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed. Oil changed. Oil, fuel, and air filters changed. Transmission oil and filter changed.	8.00	8.00
06-15-99	3,052	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
07-02-99	3,798	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00
07-14-99	6,772	P.M. / Inspection	Linkage, tie rods, universals/u-joints all lubed; all fluids checked.	4.00	4.00

Table 1. STANDARD LUBRICANTS

The following is a list of Texaco lubricant products used in bus testing conducted by the Penn State University Altoona Bus Testing Center:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRODUCT CODE</u>	<u>TEXACO DESCRIPTION</u>
Engine oil	#2112	URSA Super Plus SAE 30
Transmission oil	#1866	Automatic Trans Fluid Mercon/Dexron II Multipurpose
Gear oil	#2316	Multigear Lubricant EP SAE 80W90
Wheel bearing & Chassis grease	#1935	Starplex II

1.3 REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF SELECTED SUBSYSTEMS

1.3-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to establish the time required to replace and/or repair selected subsystems.

1.3-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test will involve components that may be expected to fail or require replacement during the service life of the bus. In addition, any component that fails during the NBM testing is added to this list. Components to be included are:

1. Transmission
2. Alternator
3. Starter
4. Batteries
5. Windshield wiper motor

1.3-III. DISCUSSION

During the test, several additional components were removed for repair or replacement. Following is a list of components and total repair/replacement time.

MAN HOURS

Right side rear view mirror.	0.5
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At the end of the test, the remaining items on the list were removed and replaced. The transmission assembly took 9.0 man-hours (two men 4.5 hrs) to remove and replace. The time required for repair/replacement of the four remaining components is given on the following Repair and/or Replacement Form.

REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR FORM

Subsystem	Replacement Time
Transmission	9.0 man hours
Wiper Motor	0.7 man hours
Starter	0.7 man hours
Alternator	0.7 man hours
Batteries	0.5 man hours

2. RELIABILITY - DOCUMENTATION OF BREAKDOWN AND REPAIR TIMES DURING TESTING

2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to document unscheduled breakdowns, repairs, down time, and repair time that occur during testing.

2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

Using the driver log and unscheduled work order forms, all significant breakdowns, repairs, man-hours to repair, and hours out of service are recorded on the Reliability Data Form.

CLASS OF FAILURES

Classes of failures are described below:

- (a) Class 1: Physical Safety. A failure that could lead directly to passenger or driver injury and represents a severe crash situation.
- (b) Class 2: Road Call. A failure resulting in an enroute interruption of revenue service. Service is discontinued until the bus is replaced or repaired at the point of failure.
- © Class 3: Bus Change. A failure that requires removal of the bus from service during its assignments. The bus is operable to a rendezvous point with a replacement bus.
- (d) Class 4: Bad Order. A failure that does not require removal of the bus from service during its assignments but does degrade coach operation. The failure shall be reported by driver, inspector, or hostler.

2-III. DISCUSSION

A listing of breakdowns and unscheduled repairs is accumulated during the Structural Durability Test. The following Reliability Data Form lists all unscheduled repairs under classes as defined above. These classifications are somewhat subjective as the test is performed on a test track with careful inspections every two hours. However, even on the road, there is considerable latitude on deciding how to handle many failures.

The Unscheduled Repair List is also attached to provide a reference for the repairs that are included in the Reliability Data Forms.

The classification of repairs according to subsystem is intended to emphasize those systems which had persistent minor or more serious problems. There were no Class 1 or 2 failures. Of the seven Class 3 failures, four occurred in the exhaust system, and one each with the body, engine and frame. These, and the one remaining Class 4 failure are available for review in the Unscheduled Maintenance List, located in Section 5.7 Structural Durability.

RELIABILITY DATA FORMS

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 7-9-99
Personnel: Bob Reifsteck	

Subsystems	Failure Type				Man Hours	Down Time
	Class 4 Bad Order	Class 3 Bus Change	Class 2 Road Call	Class 1 Physical Safety		
Mileage	Mileage	Mileage	Mileage			
Exhaust System		571			1.00	1.00
		2,118			1.00	1.00
		2,531			1.50	1.50
		3,180			6.00	6.00
Body	571				0.50	0.50
		4,586			3.00	3.00
Engine/Transmission		0			1.00	1.00
Frame		2,720			3.00	3.00

3. SAFETY - A DOUBLE-LANE CHANGE (OBSTACLE AVOIDANCE)

3-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to determine handling and stability of the bus by measuring speed through a double lane change test.

3-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The Safety Test is a vehicle handling and stability test. The bus will be operated at SLW on a smooth and level test track. The bus will be driven through a double lane change course at increasing speed until the test is considered unsafe or a speed of 45 mph is reached. The lane change course will be set up using pylons to mark off two 12 foot center to center lanes with two 100 foot lane change areas 100 feet apart. The bus will begin in one lane, change to the other lane in a 100 foot span, travel 100 feet, and return to the original lane in another 100 foot span. This procedure will be repeated, starting first in the right-hand and then in the left-hand lane.

3-III. DISCUSSION

The double-lane change was performed in both right-hand and left-hand directions. The bus was able to safely negotiate the test course in both the right-hand and left-hand directions up to the maximum test speed of 45 mph.

SAFETY DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-23-99
Personnel: B.L., C.S. and R.H.	

Temperature (°F): 75	Humidity (%): 50
Wind Direction: SW	Wind Speed (mph): 7
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.20	

SAFETY TEST: DOUBLE LANE CHANGE	
Maximum safe speed tested for double-lane change to left	45 mph
Maximum safe speed tested for double-lane change to right	45 mph
Comments of the position of the bus during the lane change:	
A safe profile was maintained through all portions of testing.	
Comments of the tire/ground contact patch:	
Tire/ground contact was maintained through all portions of testing.	

3. SAFETY



RIGHT - HAND APPROACH



LEFT - HAND APPROACH

4. PERFORMANCE - AN ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, AND TOP SPEED TEST

4-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to determine the acceleration, gradeability, and top speed capabilities of the bus.

4-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In this test, the bus will be operated at SLW on the skid pad at the Test Track Facility. The bus will be accelerated at full throttle from a standstill to a maximum "geared" or "safe" speed as determined by the test driver. The vehicle speed is measured using a Correvit non-contacting speed sensor. The times to reach speed between ten mile per hour increments are measured and recorded using a stopwatch with a lap timer. The time to speed data will be recorded on the Performance Data Form and later used to generate a speed vs time plot and gradeability calculations.

4-III. DISCUSSION

This test consists of three runs in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions on the Test Track. Velocity versus time data is obtained for each run and results are averaged together to minimize any test variability which might be introduced by wind or other external factors. The test was performed up to a maximum speed of 50 mph. The fitted curve of velocity vs time is attached, followed by the calculated gradeability results. The average time to obtain 50 mph was 18.55 seconds.

PERFORMANCE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-23-99
Personnel: B.L., C.S. and R.H.	
Temperature (°F): 75	Humidity (%): 50
Wind Direction: SW	Wind Speed (mph): 7
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.20	
Air Conditioning compressor-OFF	<u>✓</u> Checked
Ventilation fans-ON HIGH	<u>✓</u> Checked
Heater pump motor-Off	<u>✓</u> Checked
Defroster-OFF	<u>✓</u> Checked
Exterior and interior lights-ON	<u>✓</u> Checked
Windows and doors-CLOSED	<u>✓</u> Checked

ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, TOP SPEED			
Counter Clockwise Recorded Interval Times			
Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	2.92	2.64	2.69
20 mph	5.48	5.42	5.04
30 mph	8.32	8.36	8.19
40 mph	12.85	12.42	12.44
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	19.30	19.26	19.03
Clockwise Recorded Interval Times			
Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	2.86	2.85	2.70
20 mph	5.33	5.07	4.79
30 mph	8.17	8.14	7.82
40 mph	11.92	11.89	11.76
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	18.05	18.04	17.64

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER :GLAVEL
 BUS MODEL :UNIVERSAL

BUS NUMBER :9910
 TEST DATE :6/23/99

TEST CONDITIONS :

TEMPERATURE (DEG F) : 75.0
 WIND DIRECTION : SW
 WIND SPEED (MPH) : 7.0
 HUMIDITY (%) : 50
 BAROMETRIC PRESSURE (IN. HG) : 30.2

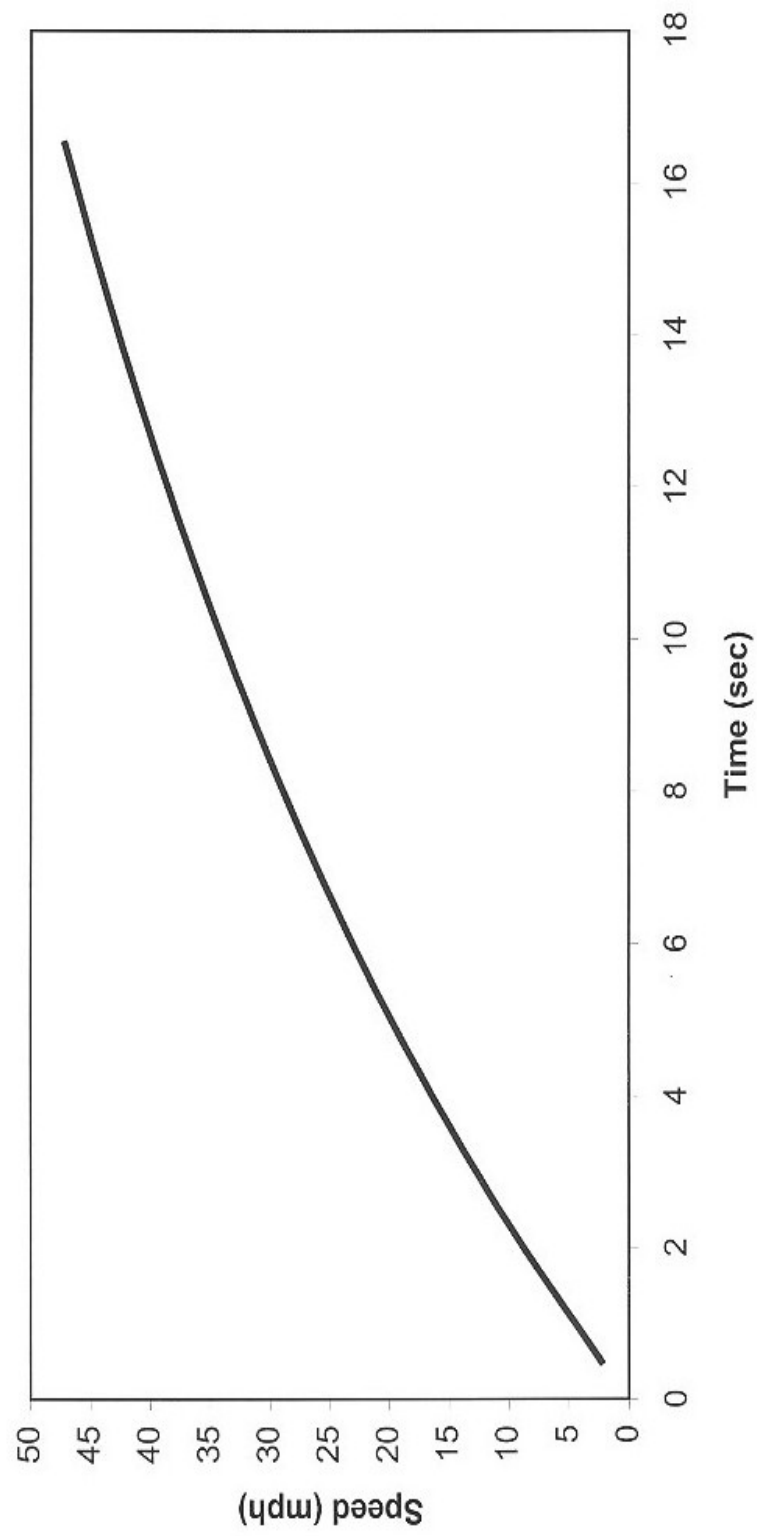
VEHICLE SPEED (MPH)	AVERAGE TIME (SEC)		
	CCW DIRECTION	CW DIRECTION	TOTAL
10.0	2.75	2.80	2.78
20.0	5.31	5.06	5.19
30.0	8.29	8.04	8.17
40.0	12.57	11.86	12.21
50.0	19.20	17.91	18.55

TEST SUMMARY :

VEHICLE SPEED (MPH)	TIME (SEC)	ACCELERATION (FT/SEC^2)	MAX. GRADE (%)
1.0	.21	6.8	21.6
5.0	1.10	6.4	20.3
10.0	2.30	5.9	18.5
15.0	3.61	5.4	16.9
20.0	5.04	4.9	15.3
25.0	6.63	4.4	13.7
30.0	8.41	3.9	12.2
35.0	10.40	3.5	10.8
40.0	12.66	3.0	9.5
45.0	15.24	2.6	8.2
50.0	18.25	2.3	7.0

NOTE : Gradeability results were calculated from performance
 ----- test data. Actual sustained gradeability performance
 for vehicles equipped with auto transmission may be
 lower than the values indicated here.

Velocity vs. Time
Glaval #9910



5. STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

5.1 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN TEST

5.1-I. DISCUSSION

The objective of this test is to determine certain static characteristics (e.g., bus floor deflection, permanent structural deformation, etc.) under static loading conditions.

5.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In this test, the bus will be isolated from the suspension by blocking the vehicle under the suspension points. The bus will then be loaded and unloaded up to a maximum of three times with a distributed load equal to 2.5 times gross load. Gross load is 150 lb for every designed passenger seating position, for the driver, and for each 1.5 sq ft of free floor space. For a distributed load equal to 2.5 times gross load, place a 375-lb load on each seat and on every 1.5 sq ft of free floor space. The first loading and unloading sequence will "settle" the structure. Bus deflection will be measured at several locations during the loading sequences.

5.1-III. DISCUSSION

This test was performed based on a maximum passenger capacity of 36 people including the driver. The resulting test load is $(36 \times 375 \text{ lb}) = 13,500 \text{ lb}$. The load is distributed evenly over the passenger space. Deflection data before and after each loading and unloading sequence is provided on the Structural Shakedown Data Form.

The unloaded height after each test becomes the original height for the next test. Some initial settling is expected due to undercoat compression, etc. After each loading cycle, the deflection of each reference point is determined. The bus is then unloaded and the residual (permanent) deflection is recorded. On the final test, the maximum loaded deflection was 0.069 inches at reference point 4. The maximum permanent deflection after the final loading sequence ranged from -0.001 inches at reference points 2, 3, and 9 to 0.002 inches at reference point 12.

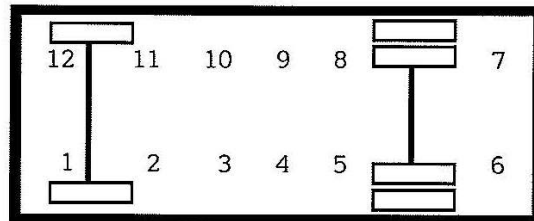
STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-18-99
Personnel: B.L., D.L., C.S. and M.H.	Temperature (°F): 66
Loading Sequence: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 (check one)	
Test Load (lbs): 13,500	

Indicate Approximate Location of Each Reference Point

Right

Front
of
Bus



Left

Top View

Reference Point No.	A (in) Original Height	B (in) Loaded Height	B-A (in) Loaded Deflection	C (in) Unloaded Height	C-A (in) Permanent Deflection
1	0	.065	.057	.009	.001
2	0	.046	.044	.001	-.001
3	0	.059	.057	.001	-.001
4	0	.068	.069	-.001	.000
5	0	.046	.043	.003	.000
6	0	.094	.050	.045	.001
7	0	.083	.048	.036	.001
8	0	.048	.046	.002	.000
9	0	.062	.059	.002	-.001
10	0	.057	.056	.001	.000
11	0	.047	.047	.000	.000
12	0	.051	.038	.015	.002

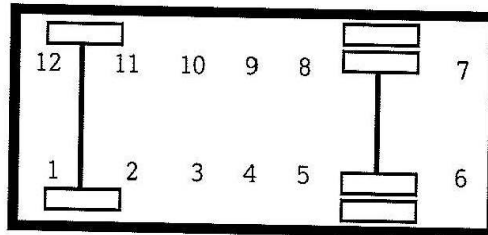
STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-18-99
Personnel: B.L., D.L., C.S. and M. H.	Temperature (°F): 66
Loading Sequence: ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 (check one)	
Test Load (lbs): 13,500	

Indicate Approximate Location of Each Reference Point

Right

Front
of
Bus



Left

Top View

Reference Point No.	A (in) Original Height	B (in) Loaded Height	B-A (in) Loaded Deflection	C (in) Unloaded Height	C-A (in) Permanent Deflection
1	.008	.065	.057	.009	.011
2	.002	.046	.044	.001	-.001
3	.002	.059	.057	.001	-.001
4	-.001	.068	.069	-.001	.000
5	.003	.046	.043	.003	.000
6	.044	.094	.050	.045	.001
7	.035	.083	.048	.036	.001
8	.002	.048	.046	.002	.000
9	.003	.062	.059	.002	-.001
10	.001	.057	.056	.001	.000
11	.000	.047	.047	.000	.000
12	.013	.051	.038	.015	.002

5.1 STRUCTURAL SHAKEDOWN TEST



DIAL INDICATORS IN POSITION



TEST BUS LOADED TO 2.5 TIMES GVL

5.2 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - STRUCTURAL DISTORTION

5.2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to observe the operation of the bus subsystems when the bus is placed in a longitudinal twist simulating operation over a curb or through a pothole.

5.2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

With the bus loaded to GVWR, each wheel of the bus will be raised (one at a time) to simulate operation over a curb and the following will be inspected:

1. Body
2. Windows
3. Doors
4. Roof vents
5. Special seating
6. Undercarriage
7. Engine
8. Service doors
9. Escape hatches
10. Steering mechanism

Each wheel will then be lowered (one at a time) to simulate operation through a pothole and the same items inspected.

5.2-III. DISCUSSION

The test sequence was repeated ten times. The first and last test is with all wheels level. The other eight tests are with each wheel 6 inches higher and 6 inches lower than the other three wheels.

All doors, windows, escape mechanisms, engine, and steering operated normally throughout the test. The undercarriage and body indicated no deficiencies. No water leakage was observed during the test. The results of this test are indicated on the following data forms.

DISTORTION TEST INSPECTION FORM

(Note: Ten copies of this data sheet are required)

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-18-99
Personnel: B.L., E.L., D.L. and M.H.	Temperature(°F): 70

Wheel Position : (check one)		
All wheels level	☒ before	☐ after
Left front	☐ 6 in higher	☐ 6 in lower
Right front	☐ 6 in higher	☐ 6 in lower
Right rear	☐ 6 in higher	☐ 6 in lower
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	Comments
☒ Windows	No deficiencies.
☒ Front Doors	No deficiencies.
☒ Rear Doors	No deficiencies.
☒ Escape Mechanisms/ Roof Vents	No deficiencies.
☒ Engine	No deficiencies.
☒ Handicapped Device/ Special Seating	NA
☒ Undercarriage	No deficiencies.
☒ Service Doors	No deficiencies.
☒ Body	No deficiencies.
☒ Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
☒ Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

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☒ Service Doors	No deficiencies.
☒ Body	No deficiencies.
☒ Windows/ Body Leakage	No deficiencies.
☒ Steering Mechanism	No deficiencies.

5.2 STRUCTURAL DISTORTION TEST



RIGHT REAR WHEEL 6" LOWER



LEFT FRONT WHEEL 6" HIGHER

5.3 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - STATIC TOWING TEST

5.3-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to determine the characteristics of the bus towing mechanisms under static loading conditions.

5.3-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

Utilizing a load-distributing yoke, a hydraulic cylinder is used to apply a static tension load equal to 1.2 times the bus curb weight. The load will be applied to both the front and rear, if applicable, towing fixtures at an angle of 20 degrees with the longitudinal axis of the bus, first to one side then the other in the horizontal plane, and then upward and downward in the vertical plane. Any permanent deformation or damage to the tow eyes or adjoining structure will be recorded.

5.3-III. DISCUSSION

The load-distributing yoke was incorporated as the towing interface between the bus submitted for testing is not equipped with any type of tow eyes or tow hooks; therefore the Static Towing Test was not performed.

5.4 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION TESTS - DYNAMIC TOWING TEST

5.4-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to verify the integrity of the towing fixtures and determine the feasibility of towing the bus under manufacturer specified procedures.

5.4-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

This test requires the bus be towed at curb weight using the specified equipment and instructions provided by the manufacturer and a heavy-duty wrecker. The bus will be towed for 5 miles at a speed of 20 mph for each recommended towing configuration. After releasing the bus from the wrecker, the bus will be visually inspected for any structural damage or permanent deformation. All doors, windows and passenger escape mechanisms will be inspected for proper operation.

5.4-III. DISCUSSION

The bus was towed using a heavy-duty wrecker. The towing interface was accomplished by Chaining to the front axle. A front lift tow was performed with no problems encountered with the towing interface. Rear towing is not recommended by the manufacturer. No damage or deformation was observed during the test.

DYNAMIC TOWING TEST DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 7-9-99
Personnel: B.L. and R.H.	

Temperature (°F): 80	Humidity (%): 42
Wind Direction: NNW	Wind Speed (mph): 6
Barometric Pressure (in. Hg): 30.09	

Inspect tow equipment-bus interface.
Comments: A safe and adequate connection was made between the tow equipment and the bus.
Inspect tow equipment-wrecker interface.
Comments: A safe and adequate connection was made between the tow equipment and the wrecker.
Towing Comments: A front lift tow was performed by chaining to the front axle.
Description and location of any structural damage: None noted.
General Comments: Manufacturer does not recommend towing from the rear.

5.4 DYNAMIC TOWING TEST



TOWING INTERFACE



TEST BUS IN TOW

5.5 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION

TESTS - JACKING TEST

5.5-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to inspect for damage due to the deflated tire, and determine the feasibility of jacking the bus with a portable hydraulic jack to a height sufficient to replace a deflated tire.

5.5-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

With the bus at curb weight, the tire(s) at one corner of the bus are replaced with deflated tire(s) of the appropriate type. A portable hydraulic floor jack is then positioned in a manner and location specified by the manufacturer and used to raise the bus to a height sufficient to provide 3-in clearance between the floor and an inflated tire. The deflated tire(s) are replaced with the original tire(s) and the jack is lowered. Any structural damage or permanent deformation is recorded on the test data sheet. This procedure is repeated for each corner of the bus.

5.5-III. DISCUSSION

The jack used for this test has a minimum height of 8.5 inches. During the deflated portion of the test, the jacking point clearances ranged from 8.5 inches to 16.2 inches. No deformation or damage was observed during testing. A complete listing of jacking point clearances is provided in the Jacking Test Data Form.

JACKING CLEARANCE SUMMARY

Condition	Frame Point Clearance
Front axle - one tire flat	15.5"
Rear axle - one tire flat	16.2"
Rear axle - two tires flat	14.8"

JACKING TEST DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-11-99
Personnel: S.C. and G.F.	Temperature: 70

Record any permanent deformation or damage to bus as well as any difficulty encountered during jacking procedure.

Deflated Tire	Jacking Pad Clearance Body/Frame (in)	Jacking Pad Clearance Axle/Suspension (in)	Comments
Right front	18.1" I 15.5" D	11.4" I 8.5" D	
Left front	18.1" I 15.5" D	11.3" I 8.5" D	
Right rear--outside	16.8" I 16.2" D	11.6" I 11.1" D	
Right rear--both	16.8" I 14.8" D	11.6" I 9.1" D	
Left rear--outside	16.9" I 16.2" D	11.6" I 11.0" D	
Left rear--both	16.9" I 14.8" D	11.6" I 9.2" D	
Right middle or tag--outside	NA	NA	
Right middle or tag--both	NA	NA	
Left middle or tag--outside	NA	NA	
Left middle or tag--both	NA	NA	
Additional comments of any deformation or difficulty during jacking:			
No damage, deformation or problems were observed.			

5.6 STRUCTURAL STRENGTH AND DISTORTION

TESTS - HOISTING TEST

5.6-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to determine possible damage or deformation caused by the jack/stands.

5.6-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

With the bus at curb weight, the front end of the bus is raised to a height sufficient to allow manufacturer-specified placement of jack stands under the axles or jacking pads independent of the hoist system. The bus will be checked for stability on the jack stands and for any damage to the jacking pads or bulkheads. The procedure is repeated for the rear end of the bus. The procedure is then repeated for the front and rear simultaneously.

5.6-III. DISCUSSION

The test was conducted using four posts of a six-post electric lift and standard 19 inch jack stands. The bus was hoisted from the front wheel, rear wheel, and then the front and rear wheels simultaneously and placed on jack stands.

The bus easily accommodated the placement of the vehicle lifts and jack stands and the procedure was performed without any instability noted.

HOISTING TEST DATA FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-11-99
Personnel: S.C. and G.S.	Temperature (°F): 72

Comments of any structural damage to the jacking pads or axles while both the front wheels are supported by the jack stands:
None noted.
Comments of any structural damage to the jacking pads or axles while both the rear wheels are supported by the jack stands:
None noted.
Comments of any structural damage to the jacking pads or axles while both the front and rear wheels are supported by the jack stands:
None noted.

5.6 HOISTING TEST



TEST BUS STABLE ON JACK STANDS



5.7 STRUCTURAL DURABILITY TEST

5.7-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to perform an accelerated durability test that approximates up to 25 percent of the service life of the vehicle.

5.7-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test vehicle is driven a total of 5,050 miles; approximately 3,750 miles on the Durability Test Track and approximately 1,300 miscellaneous other miles. The test will be conducted with the bus operated under three different loading conditions. The first segment will consist of approximately 2,125 miles with the bus operated at GVW. The second segment will consist of approximately 800 miles with the bus operated at SLW. The remainder of the test, approximately 2,125 miles, will be conducted with the bus loaded to CW. If GVW exceeds the axle design weights, then the load will be adjusted to the axle design weights and the change will be recorded. All subsystems are run during these tests in their normal operating modes. All recommended manufacturers servicing is to be followed and noted on the vehicle maintainability log. Servicing items accelerated by the durability tests will be compressed by 10:1; all others will be done on a 1:1 mi/mi basis. Unscheduled breakdowns and repairs are recorded on the same log as are any unusual occurrences as noted by the driver. Once a week the test vehicle shall be washed down and thoroughly inspected for any signs of failure.

5.7-III. DISCUSSION

The Structural Durability Test was started on May 20, 1999 and was conducted until July 9, 1999. The first 2,125 miles were performed at a GVW of 13,730 lb. In order to avoid exceeding the GAWR of the rear axle (9,450 lbs), ballast for all 10 standing and 1 rear seated passenger was eliminated. The GVW segment was completed on June 4, 1999. The next 800 mile SLW segment was performed at the same 13,730 lbs and completed on June 8, 1999. The final 2,125 mile segment was performed at a CW of 10,110 lb and completed on July 9, 1999.

The mileage summary presents the accumulation of miles during the Structural Durability Test. The driving schedule is included, showing the operating duty cycle. A detailed plan view of the Test Track Facility and Durability Test Track are attached for reference. The amplitude and profile for each element of the durability test track is also included. Finally, a list of unscheduled maintenance is included describing the failures that were encountered along with related photographs during the Structural Durability Test.

GLAVAL - TEST BUS # 9910
SUMMARY - MILEAGE DRIVEN

DATE	TOTAL OTHER MILES	TOTAL DURABILITY TRACK	TOTAL
05/20/99 TO 05/26/99	183.00	580.00	763.00
05/27/99 TO 06/02/99	133.00	526.00	659.00
06/03/99 TO 06/09/99	153.00	867.00	1,020.00
06/10/99 TO 06/16/99	242.00	287.00	529.00
06/17/99 TO 06/23/99	98.00	61.00	159.00
06/24/99 TO 06/30/99	245.00	859.00	1,104.00
07/01/99 TO 07/07/99	198.00	570.00	768.00
07/08/99 TO 07/14/99	277.00	0.00	277.00
=====			
TOTAL	1,529.00	3,750.00	5,279.00

Table 4. Driving Schedule for Bus Operation on the Durability Test Track.

STANDARD OPERATING SCHEDULE		
Monday through Friday		
	HOUR	ACTION
Shift 1	midnight	D
	1:40 am	C
	1:50 am	B
	2:00 am	D
	3:35 am	C
	3:45 am	B
	4:05 am	D
	5:40 am	C
	5:50 am	B
	6:00 am	D
	7:40 am	C
	7:50 am	F
Shift 2	8:00 am	D
	9:40 am	C
	9:50 am	B
	10:00 am	D
	11:35 am	C
	11:45 am	B
	12:05 pm	D
	1:40 pm	C
	1:50 pm	B
	2:00 pm	D
	3:40 pm	C
	3:50 pm	F
Shift 3	4:00 pm	D
	5:40 pm	C
	5:50 pm	B
	6:00 pm	D
	7:40 pm	C
	7:50 pm	B
	8:05 pm	D
	9:40 pm	C
	9:50 pm	B
	10:00 pm	D
	11:40 pm	C
	11:50 pm	F

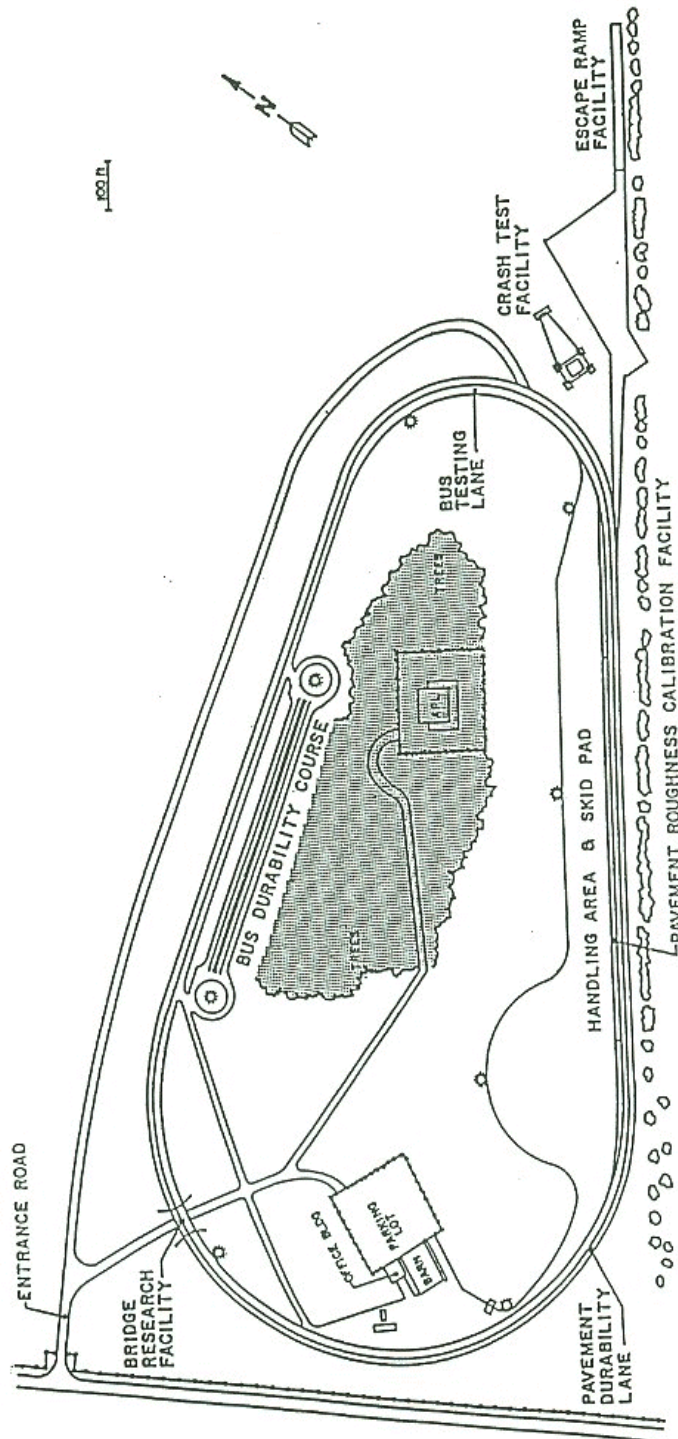
B—Break

C—Cycle all systems five times, visual inspection, driver's log entries

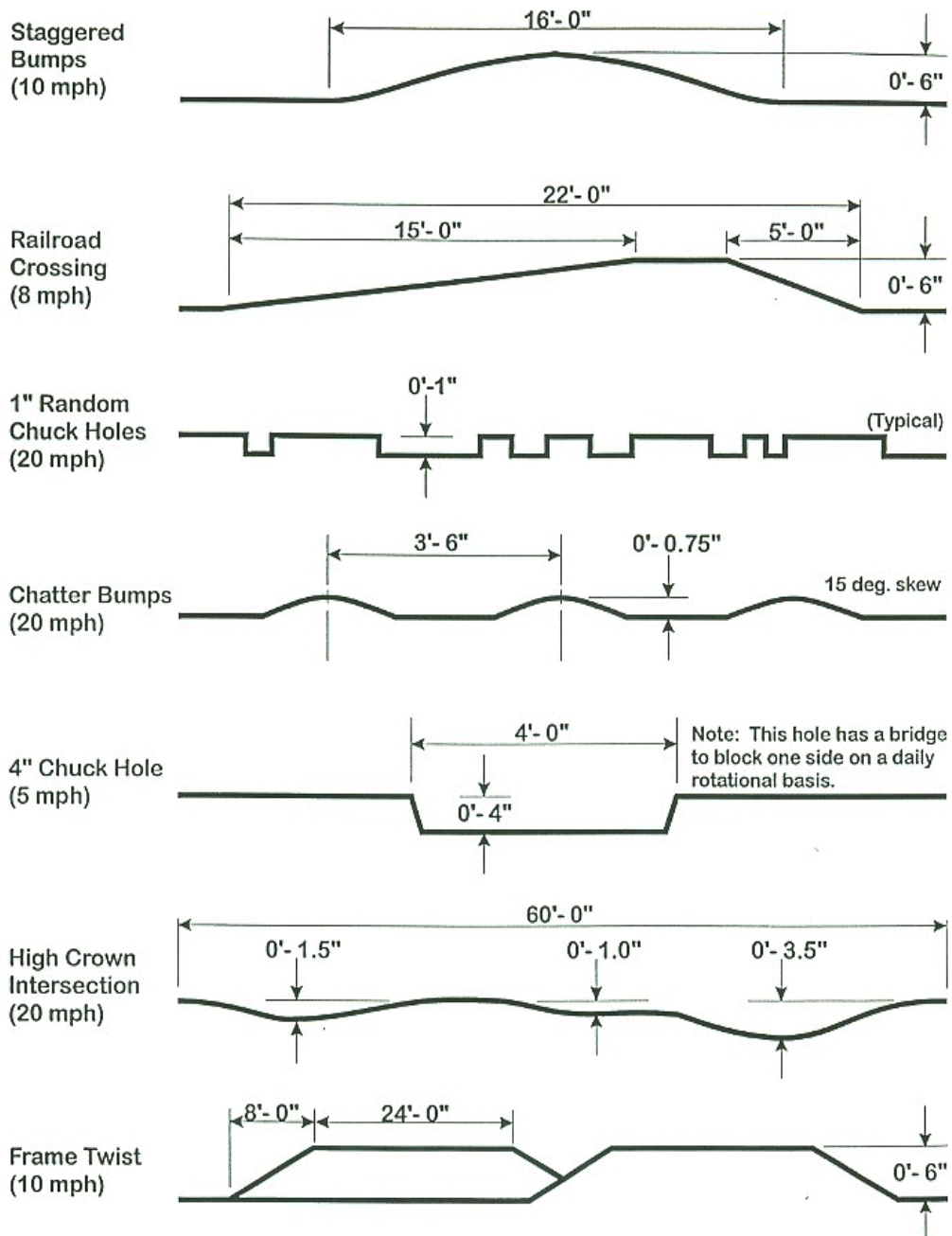
D—Drive bus as specified by procedure

F—Fuel bus, complete driver's log shift entries

“PLAN VIEW OF PENN STATE BUS TESTING AND RESEARCH FACILITY”



**BUS TESTING AND RESEARCH TEST TRACK
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA**



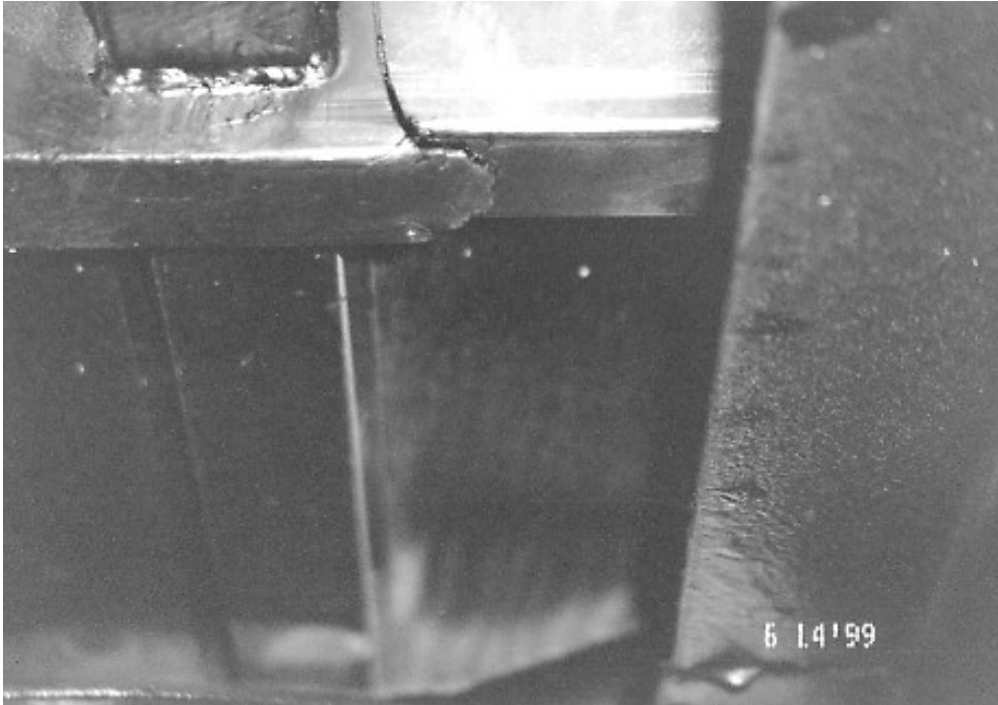
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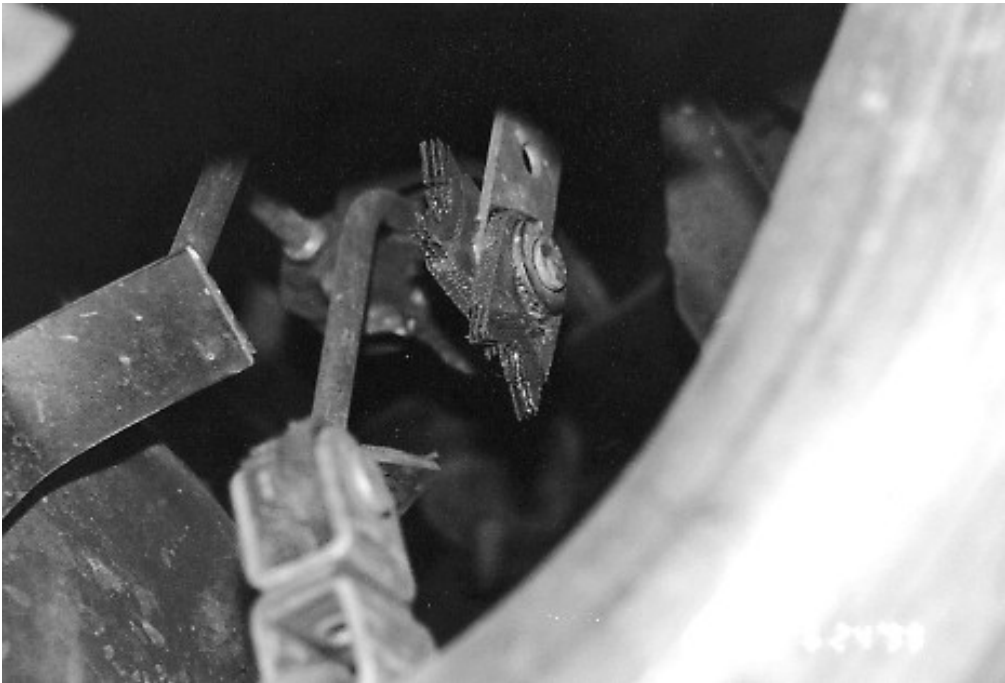
DATE	TEST MILES	SERVICE	ACTIVITY	DOWN TIME	HOURS
05-19-99	0	The "Service Engine Soon" light is on.	Checked for codes with scanner. Found code P0113 (IAT CKT voltage high). Sensor disconnected, re-connected, code cleared.	1.00	1.00
05-25-99	571	The exhaust pipe has separated.	Repaired with a band clamp.	1.00	1.00
05-25-99	571	The right side rear view mirror was broken upon arrival.	New mirror arrived and was installed.	0.50	0.50
06-08-99	2,118	The rear exhaust pipe hanger is broken.	Hanger welded/repaired and a new hanger added on the tail pipe.	1.00	1.00
06-11-99	2,531	The exhaust system is loose. Hangers are broken.	Installed universal hangers at the tailpipe, muffler and middle pipe. One hanger welded/repaired.	1.50	1.50
06-14-99	2,720	Three, 2" square tube frame cross members are cracked. Two are left side, forward of the rear axle and one is right side, rear of the rear axle.	All cracked cross members welded/repaired.	3.00	3.00
06-24-99	3,180	The entire exhaust system is loose, three hangers are broken.	Removed the exhaust system from the catalytic converter back. Installed a 6" extension, replaced three broken hangers and added one free floating hanger near the rear of the system.	6.00	6.00
07-02-99	4,586	The roof seam is separating above the entrance door.	Removed hold down straps. Re-drilled holes and installed ten new screws.	3.00	3.00

UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE



**CRACKED FRAME CROSS MEMBER
(2,720 TEST MILES)**

UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.



**BROKEN EXHAUST HANGER
(3,180 TEST MILES)**



UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE CONT.



SEPARATED ROOF SEAM ABOVE ENTRANCE DOOR (4,586 TEST MILES)



6. FUEL ECONOMY TEST - A FUEL CONSUMPTION TEST USING AN APPROPRIATE OPERATING CYCLE

6-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to provide accurate comparable fuel consumption data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers. This fuel economy test bears no relation to the calculations done by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine levels for the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program. EPA's calculations are based on tests conducted under laboratory conditions intended to simulate city and highway driving. This fuel economy test, as designated here, is a measurement of the fuel expended by a vehicle traveling a specified test loop under specified operating conditions. The results of this test will not represent actual mileage but will provide data that can be used by recipients to compare buses tested by this procedure.

6-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

This test requires operation of the bus over a course based on the Transit Coach Operating Duty Cycle (ADB Cycle) at seated load weight using a procedure based on the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82. The procedure has been modified by elimination of the control vehicle and by modifications as described below. The inherent uncertainty and expense of utilizing a control vehicle over the operating life of the facility is impractical.

The fuel economy test will be performed as soon as possible (weather permitting) after the completion of the GVW portion of the structural durability test. It will be conducted on the bus test lane at the Test Track Facility. Signs are erected at carefully measured points which delineate the test course. A test run will comprise 3 CBD phases, 2 Arterial phases, and 1 Commuter phase. An electronic fuel measuring system will indicate the amount of fuel consumed during each phase of the test. The test runs will be repeated until there are at least two runs in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions in which the fuel consumed for each run is within ± 4 percent of the average total fuel used over the 4 runs. A 20-minute idle consumption test is performed just prior to and immediately after the driven portion of the fuel economy test. The amount of fuel consumed while operating at normal/low idle is recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form. This set of four valid runs along with idle consumption data comprise a valid test.

The test procedure is the ADB cycle with the following four modifications:

1. The ADB cycle is structured as a set number of miles in a fixed time in the following order: CBD, Arterial, CBD, Arterial, CBD, Commuter. A separate idle fuel consumption measurement is performed at the beginning and end of the fuel economy test. This phase sequence permits the reporting of fuel consumption for each of these phases separately, making the data more useful to bus manufacturers and transit properties.
2. The operating profile for testing purposes shall consist of simulated transit type service at seated load weight. The three test phases (figure 6-1) are: a central business district (CBD) phase of 2 miles with 7 stops per mile and a top speed of 20 mph; an arterial phase of 2 miles with 2 stops per mile and a top speed of 40 mph; and a commuter phase of 4 miles with 1 stop and a maximum speed of 40 mph. At each designated stop the bus will remain stationary for seven seconds. During this time, the passenger doors shall be opened and closed.
3. The individual ADB phases remain unaltered with the exception that 1 mile has been changed to 1 lap on the test track. One lap is equal to 5,042 feet. This change is accommodated by adjusting the cruise distance and time.
4. The acceleration profile, for practical purposes and to achieve better repeatability, has been changed to "full throttle acceleration to cruise speed".

Several changes were made to the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82:

1. Sections 1.1, and 1.2 only apply to diesel, gasoline, methanol, and any other fuel in the liquid state (excluding cryogenic fuels).

1.1 SAE 1376 July 82 requires the use of at least a 16-gal fuel tank. Such a fuel tank when full would weigh approximately 160 lb. It is judged that a 12-gal tank weighing approximately 120 lb will be sufficient for this test and much easier for the technician and test personnel to handle.

1.2 SAE 1376 July 82 mentions the use of a mechanical scale or a flowmeter system. This test procedure uses a load cell readout combination that provides an accuracy of 0.5 percent in weight and permits on-board weighing of the gravimetric tanks at the end of each phase. This modification permits the determination of a fuel economy value for each phase as well as the overall cycle.

2. Section 2.1 applies to compressed natural gas (CNG), liquified natural gas (LNG), cryogenic fuels, and other fuels in the vapor state.

2.1 A laminar type flowmeter will be used to determine the fuel consumption. The pressure and temperature across the flow element will be monitored by the flow computer. The flow computer will use this data to calculate the gas flow rate. The flow computer will also display the flow rate (scfm) as well as the total fuel used (scf). The total fuel used (scf) for each phase will be recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form.

3. Use both sections 1 and 2 for dual fuel systems.

FUEL ECONOMY CALCULATION PROCEDURE

A. For diesel, gasoline, methanol and fuels in the liquid state.

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (pounds); standard reference values-- density of water at 60°F (8.3373 lbs/gal) and volumetric heating value of standard fuel; and test fuel specific gravity (unitless) and volumetric heating value (BTU/gal). These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per gallon (mpg) which is corrected to a standard gallon of fuel referenced to water at 60°F. This eliminates fluctuations in fuel economy due to fluctuations in fuel quality. This calculation has been programmed into a computer and the data processing is performed automatically.

The fuel economy correction consists of three steps:

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of pounds of fuel consumed

<u>phase</u>	<u>miles per phase</u>	<u>total miles per run</u>
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$\text{FEo}_{\text{mi/lb}} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lb of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per gallon [mpg] by multiplying by the specific gravity of the test fuel G_s (referred to water) at 60°F and multiply by the density of water at 60°F

$$FE_{o_{mpg}} = FE_{c_{mi/lb}} \times G_s \times G_w$$

where G_s = Specific gravity of test fuel at 60°F (referred to water)
 G_w = 8.3373 lb/gal

- 3.) Correct to a standard gallon of fuel by dividing by the volumetric heating value of the test fuel (H) and multiplying by the volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel (Q). Both heating values must have the same units.

$$FE_c = FE_{o_{mpg}} \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

where

H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel [BTU/gal]
 Q = Volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel

Combining steps 1-3 yields

$$\Rightarrow FE_c = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lbs}} \times (G_s \times G_w) \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

- 4.) Covert the fuel economy from mpg to an energy equivalent of miles per BTU. Since the number would be extremely small in magnitude, the energy equivalent will be represented as miles/BTUx10⁶.

E_q = Energy equivalent of converting mpg to mile/BTUx10⁶.

$$E_q = ((\text{mpg})/(H)) \times 10^6$$

B. CNG, LNG, cryogenic and other fuels in the vapor state.

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (scf); density of test fuel, and volumetric heating value (BTU/lb) of test fuel at standard conditions (P=14.73 psia and T=60 °F). These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per lb. The energy equivalent (mile/BTUx10⁶) will also be provided so that the results can be compared to buses that use other fuels.

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of standard cubic feet (scf) of fuel consumed.

<u>phase</u>	<u>miles per phase</u>	<u>total miles per run</u>
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$FEo_{mi/scf} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{scf of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per lb by dividing FEO by the density of the test fuel at standard conditions (Lb/ft³).

Note: The density of test fuel must be determined at standard conditions as described above. If the density is not defined at the above standard conditions, then a correction will be needed before the fuel economy can be calculated.

$$FEo_{mi/lb} = FEO / Gm$$

where Gm = Density of test fuel at standard conditions

- 3.) Convert the observed fuel economy (FEomi/lb) to an energy equivalent of (miles/BTUx10⁶) by dividing the observed fuel economy (FEomi/lb) by the heating value of the test fuel at standard conditions.

$$Eq = ((FEomi/lb)/H) \times 10^6$$

where

Eq = Energy equivalent of miles/lb to mile/BTUx10⁶

H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel at standard conditions

6-III. DISCUSSION

This is a comparative test of fuel economy using number one diesel fuel with a heating value of 20,214.0 btu/lb. The driving cycle consists of Central Business District (CBD), Arterial (ART), and Commuter (COM) phases as described in 6-II. The fuel consumption for each driving cycle and for idle is measured separately. The results are corrected to a reference fuel with a volumetric heating value of 127,700 btu/gal.

An extensive pretest maintenance check is made including the replacement of all lubrication fluids. The details of the pretest maintenance are given in the first three Pretest Maintenance Forms. The fourth sheet shows the Pretest Inspection. The next sheet shows the correction calculation for the test fuel. The next four Fuel Economy Forms provide the data from the four test runs. Finally, the summary sheet provides the average fuel consumption. The overall average is based on total fuel and total mileage for each phase. The overall average fuel consumption values were; CBD - 6.64 mpg, ART - 7.03 mpg, and COM - 11.76 mpg. Average fuel consumption at idle was 2.78 lb/hr (0.44 gph).

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-15-99	SLW (lbs): 13,730
Personnel: S.C., C.S. and E.L.		

FUEL SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Install fuel measurement system	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Replace fuel filter	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check for fuel leaks	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Specify fuel type (refer to fuel analysis)			
Remarks:			
BRAKES/TIRES	OK	Date	Initials
Inspect hoses	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Inspect brakes	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Relube wheel bearings	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check tire inflation pressures (mfg. specs.)	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			
COOLING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check hoses and connections	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check system for coolant leaks	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 2)

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-15-99		
Personnel: S.C., C.S. and E.L.			
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	OK	Date	Initials
Check battery	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Inspect wiring	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Inspect terminals	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check lighting	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			
DRIVE SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Drain transmission fluid	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Replace filter/gasket	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check hoses and connections	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Replace transmission fluid	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check for fluid leaks	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			
LUBRICATION	OK	Date	Initials
Drain crankcase oil	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Replace filters	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Replace crankcase oil	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Check for oil leaks	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Check oil level	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Lube all chassis grease fittings	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Lube universal joints	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Replace differential lube including axles	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 3)

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-15-99		
Personnel: S.C., C.S. and E.L.			
EXHAUST/EMISSION SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check for exhaust leaks	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			
ENGINE	OK	Date	Initials
Replace air filter	✓	6-15-99	E.L.
Inspect air compressor and air system	✓	N/A	
Inspect vacuum system, if applicable	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check and adjust all drive belts	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check cold start assist, if applicable	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			
STEERING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check power steering hoses and connectors	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Service fluid level	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check power steering operation	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			
	OK	Date	Initials
Ballast bus to seated load weight	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
TEST DRIVE	OK	Date	Initials
Check brake operation	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Check transmission operation	✓	6-15-99	S.C.
Remarks:			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST INSPECTION FORM

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-17-99
Personnel: B.L., S.C. and R.H.	
PRE WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form is complete	B.L.
Cold tire pressure (psi): Front <u>90</u> Middle <u>N/A</u> Rear <u>90</u>	B.L.
Tire wear:	B.L.
Engine oil level	B.L.
Engine coolant level	B.L.
Interior and exterior lights on, evaporator fan on	B.L.
Fuel economy instrumentation installed and working properly.	B.L.
Fuel line -- no leaks or kinks	B.L.
Speed measuring system installed on bus. Speed indicator installed in front of bus and accessible to TECH and Driver.	B.L.
Bus is loaded to SLW	B.L.
WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Bus driven for at least one hour warm-up	B.L.
No extensive or black smoke from exhaust	B.L.
POST WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Warm tire pressure (psi): Front <u>90</u> Middle <u>N/A</u> Rear <u>92</u>	B.L.
Environmental conditions Average wind speed <12 mph and maximum gusts <15 mph Ambient temperature between 30°(-1°) and 90°F(32°C) Track surface is dry Track is free of extraneous material and clear of interfering traffic	B.L.

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 9910		Manufacturer: Glaval		Date: 6-17-99			
Run Number: 1		Personnel: B.L, S.C. and R.H.					
Test Direction: ☐ CW or ☒ CCW		Temperature (°F): 61		Humidity (%): 52			
SLW (lbs): 13,750		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: N / 5		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.33			

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:41	8:41	22.8	95.20	93.40	1.80
ART #1	0	4:00	4:00	23.3	93.40	91.50	1.90
CBD #2	0	8:43	8:43	23.8	91.50	89.65	1.85
ART #2	0	4:02	4:02	25.0	89.65	87.85	1.80
CBD #3	0	8:46	8:46	25.3	87.85	86.00	1.85
COMMUTER	0	5:54	5:54	25.8	86.00	83.95	2.05
Total Fuel = 11.25 lbs							

20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 1.00 lbs
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB
Comments:

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 9910		Manufacturer: Glaval		Date: 6-17-99	
Run Number: 2		Personnel: B.L., S.C. and R.H.			
Test Direction: ☒ CW or ☐ CCW		Temperature (°F): 66		Humidity (%): 50	
SLW (lbs): 13,730		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: NW / 7		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.29	

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:56	8:56	28.1	83.95	82.10	1.85
ART #1	0	4:04	4:04	28.4	82.10	80.45	1.65
CBD #2	0	9:00	9:00	28.6	80.45	78.70	1.75
ART #2	0	4:06	4:06	29.2	78.70	77.05	1.65
CBD #3	0	8:59	8:59	29.5	77.05	75.25	1.80
COMMUTER	0	5:56	5:56	29.3	75.25	73.25	2.00
Total Fuel = 10.70 lbs							

20 minute idle: Total Fuel Used = N/A
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB
Comments:

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 9910		Manufacturer: Glaval		Date: 6-22-99			
Run Number: 3		Personnel: B.L., R.H. and C.S.					
Test Direction: ☐ CW or ☐ CCW		Temperature (°F): 78		Humidity (%): 42			
SLW (lbs): 13,730		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: Calm		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.15			

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:40	8:40	30.5	79.05	77.25	1.80
ART #1	0	3:56	3:56	31.1	77.25	75.60	1.65
CBD #2	0	8:32	8:32	32.0	75.60	73.85	1.75
ART #2	0	3:52	3:52	33.2	73.85	72.15	1.70
CBD #3	0	8:34	8:34	33.7	72.15	70.35	1.80
COMMUTER	0	5:52	5:52	33.9	70.35	68.35	2.00
Total Fuel = 10.70 lbs							

20 minute idle: Total Fuel Used = N/A
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB
Comments:

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 9910		Manufacturer: Glaval		Date: 6-22-99	
Run Number: 4		Personnel: B.L., R.H. and C.S.			
Test Direction: ☒ CW or ☐ CCW		Temperature (°F): 80		Humidity (%): 40	
SLW (lbs): 13,730		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 3 / N		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.17	

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:42	8:42	34.1	68.45	66.60	1.85
ART #1	0	3:55	3:55	34.3	66.60	64.95	1.65
CBD #2	0	8:48	8:48	34.7	64.95	63.15	1.80
ART #2	0	3:56	3:56	35.1	63.15	61.50	1.65
CBD #3	0	8:40	8:40	35.8	61.50	59.75	1.75
COMMUTER	0	5:54	5:54	36.1	59.75	57.65	2.10
Total Fuel = 10.80 lbs							

20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 0.85 lbs
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB
Comments:

FUEL ECONOMY SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER :GLAVAL
 BUS MODEL :UNIVERSAL

BUS NUMBER :9910
 TEST DATE :6/17/99

FUEL TYPE : DIESEL
 SP. GRAVITY : .8095
 HEATING VALUE : 20214.00 BTU/Lb
 Standard Conditions : 60 deg F and 14.7 psi
 Density of Water : 8.3373 lb/gallon at 60 deg F

CYCLE	TOTAL FUEL USED (Lb)	TOTAL MILES	FUEL ECONOMY M/Lb (Measured)	FUEL ECONOMY MPG (Corrected)
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Run # :1, CCW

CBD	5.50	5.73	1.04	6.53
ART	3.70	3.82	1.03	6.47
COM	2.05	3.82	1.86	11.68
TOTAL	11.25	13.37	1.19	7.45

Run # :2, CW

CBD	5.40	5.73	1.06	6.65
ART	3.30	3.82	1.16	7.26
COM	2.00	3.82	1.91	11.97
TOTAL	10.70	13.37	1.25	7.83

Run # :3, CCW

CBD	5.35	5.73	1.07	6.71
ART	3.35	3.82	1.14	7.15
COM	2.00	3.82	1.91	11.97
TOTAL	10.70	13.37	1.25	7.83

Run # :4, CW

CBD	5.40	5.73	1.06	6.65
ART	3.30	3.82	1.16	7.26
COM	2.10	3.82	1.82	11.40
TOTAL	10.80	13.37	1.24	7.76

IDLE CONSUMPTION

First 20 Minutes Data : 1.00 Lb Last 20 Minutes Data : .85 Lb
 Average Idle Consumption : 2.78 Lb/Hr

RUN CONSISTENCY: % Difference from overall average of total fuel used

Run 1 : -3.6 Run 2 : 1.5 Run 3 : 1.5 Run 4 : .6

SUMMARY

Average Idle Consumption	: .44	G/Hr
Average CBD Phase Consumption	: 6.64	MPG
Average Arterial Phase Consumption	: 7.03	MPG
Average Commuter Phase Consumption	: 11.76	MPG
Overall Average Fuel Consumption	: 7.72	MPG
Overall Average Fuel Consumption	: 56.57	Miles/ Million BTU

7. NOISE

7.1 INTERIOR NOISE AND VIBRATION TESTS

7.1-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of these tests is to measure and record interior noise levels and check for audible vibration under various operating conditions.

7.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

During this series of tests, the interior noise level will be measured at several locations with the bus operating under the following three conditions:

1. With the bus stationary, a white noise generating system shall provide a uniform sound pressure level equal to 80 dB(A) on the left, exterior side of the bus. The engine and all accessories will be switched off and all openings including doors and windows will be closed. This test will be performed at the ABTC.
2. The bus accelerating at full throttle from a standing start to 35 mph on a level pavement. All openings will be closed and all accessories will be operating during the test. This test will be performed at the Test Track Facility.
3. The bus will be operated at various speeds from 0 to 55 mph with and without the air conditioning and accessories on. Any audible vibration or rattles will be noted. This test will be performed on the test segment between the Test Track Facility and the ABTC.

All tests will be performed in an area free from extraneous sound-making sources or reflecting surfaces. The ambient sound level as well as the surrounding weather conditions will be recorded in the test data.

7.1-III. DISCUSSION

This test is performed in three parts. The first part exposes the exterior of the vehicle to 80 dB(A) on the left side of the bus and the noise transmitted to the interior is measured. The overall average of the six measurements was 46.6 dB(A); ranging from 45.6 dB(A) in line with the middle speaker to 47.4 dB(A) at the driver's seat. The interior ambient noise level for this test was 49.0 dB(A).

The second test measures interior noise during acceleration from 0 to 35 mph. This noise level ranged from 73.6 dB(A) at the rear passenger seats to 77.0 dB(A) at the driver's seat. The overall average was 75.4 dB(A). The interior ambient noise level for this test was 34.0 dB(A).

The third part of the test is to listen for resonant vibrations, rattles, and other noise sources while operating over the road. No vibrations or rattles were noted.

INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Test Condition 1: 80 dB(A) Stationary White Noise

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 5-11-99
Personnel: S.C. and G.S	
Temperature (°F): 68	Humidity (%): 35
Wind Speed (mph): Calm	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.98	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Interior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 49.0	Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 53.7
Microphone Height During Testing (in): 45	

Measurement Location	Measured Sound Level dB(A)
Driver's Seat	47.4
Front Passenger Seats	47.4
In Line with Front Speaker	46.3
In Line with Middle Speaker	45.6
In Line with Rear Speaker	46.0
Rear Passenger Seats	46.6

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration: ☒ checked by B.L.
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Comments: All readings taken in the center aisle.

INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Test Condition 2: 0 to 35 mph Acceleration Test

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-23-99
Personnel: B.L., C.S. and R.H.	
Temperature (°F): 70	Humidity (%): 53
Wind Speed (mph): 9	Wind Direction: S
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.19	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Interior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 34.0	Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 39.9
Microphone Height During Testing (in): 45	

Measurement Location	Measured Sound Level dB(A)
Driver's Seat	77.0
Front Passenger Seats	76.4
Middle Passenger Seats	74.5
Rear Passenger Seats	73.6

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration: ☒ checked by B.L.
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Comments: All readings taken in the center aisle.

INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM

Test Condition 3: Audible Vibration Test

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-23-99
Personnel: B.L., S.C. and R.H.	
Temperature (°F): 70	Humidity (%): 53
Wind Speed (mph): 9	Wind Direction: S
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.19	

Describe the following possible sources of noise and give the relative location on the bus.

Source of Noise	Location
Engine and Accessories	None noted.
Windows and Doors	None noted.
Seats and Wheel Chair lifts	None noted.

Comment on any other vibration or noise source which may have occurred that is not described above: None noted.

7.1 INTERIOR NOISE TEST



TEST BUS SET-UP FOR INTERIOR NOISE TEST

7.2 EXTERIOR NOISE TESTS

7.2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to record exterior noise levels when a bus is operated under various conditions.

7.2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In the exterior noise tests, the bus will be operated at a SLW in three different conditions using a smooth, straight and level roadway:

1. Accelerating at full throttle from a constant speed at or below 35 mph and just prior to transmission upshift.
2. Accelerating at full throttle from standstill.
3. Stationary, with the engine at low idle, high idle, and wide open throttle.

In addition, the buses will be tested with and without the air conditioning and all accessories operating. The exterior noise levels will be recorded.

The test site is at the Test Track Facility and the test procedures will be in accordance with SAE Standards SAE J366b, Exterior Sound Level for Heavy Trucks and Buses. The test site is an open space free of large reflecting surfaces. A noise meter placed at a specified location outside the bus will measure the noise level.

During the test, special attention should be paid to:

1. The test site characteristics regarding parked vehicles, signboards, buildings, or other sound-reflecting surfaces
2. Proper usage of all test equipment including set-up and calibration
3. The ambient sound level

7.2-III. DISCUSSION

The Exterior Noise Test determines the noise level generated by the vehicle under different driving conditions and at stationary low and high idle, with and without air conditioning and accessories operating. The test site is a large, level, bituminous paved area with no reflecting surfaces nearby.

With an exterior ambient noise level of 38.0 dB(A), the average test result obtained while accelerating from a constant speed was 74.0 dB(A) on the right side and 73.8 dB(A) on the left side.

When accelerating from a standstill with an exterior ambient noise level of 39.2 dB(A), the average of the results obtained were 75.6 dB(A) on the right side and 74.3 dB(A) on the left side.

With the vehicle stationary and the engine, accessories, and air conditioning on, the measurements averaged 61.6 dB(A) at low idle and 76.4 dB(A) at wide open throttle.

With the accessories and air conditioning off, the readings averaged .09 dB(A) lower at low idle, and 1.1 dB(A) lower at wide open throttle. The exterior ambient noise level measured during this test was 39.7 dB(A). Note: the test vehicle was not equipped with a fast idle mode, therefore, data for that condition is not available.

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM

Accelerating from Constant Speed

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-23-99
Personnel: B.L., C.S. and R.H.	
Temperature (°F): 78	Humidity (%): 47
Wind Speed (mph): 5	Wind Direction: SW
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.22	
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 38.0	

Accelerating from Constant Speed Curb (Right) Side		Accelerating from Constant Speed Street (Left) Side	
Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)	Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)
1	73.6	1	73.5
2	74.0	2	73.6
3	73.5	3	73.4
4	73.9	4	73.6
5	73.2	5	74.0
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.0 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 73.8 dB(A)	

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ☒ checked by B.L.
Comments:

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM

Accelerating from Standstill

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-23-99
Personnel: B.L., C.S. and R.H.	
Temperature (°F): 78	Humidity (%): 47
Wind Speed (mph): 5	Wind Direction: SW
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.22	
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 39.2	

Accelerating from Standstill Curb (Right) Side		Accelerating from Standstill Street (Left) Side	
Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)	Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)
1	76.0	1	73.9
2	75.2	2	73.2
3	73.5	3	73.4
4	73.4	4	73.2
5	73.6	5	74.6
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 75.6 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.3 dB(A)	
Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ☒ checked by B.L.			
Comments:			

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM

Stationary

Bus Number: 9910	Date: 6-23-99
Personnel: B.L., C.S. and R.H.	
Temperature (°F): 78	Humidity (%): 47
Wind Speed (mph): 5	Wind Direction: SW
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.22	
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ☒ checked by B.L.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 39.7	

Accessories and Air Conditioning ON			
Throttle Position	Engine RPM	Curb (Right) Side dB(A)	Street (Left) Side db(A)
		Measured	Measured
Low Idle	668	61.6	61.6
High Idle	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wide Open Throttle	3,602	77.5	75.2

Accessories and Air Conditioning OFF			
Throttle Position	Engine RPM	Curb (Right) Side dB(A)	Street (Left) Side db(A)
		Measured	Actual
Low Idle	670	61.0	60.4
High Idle	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wide Open Throttle	3,622	76.2	74.3

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ☒ checked by B.L.
Comments: