

TYPE III SCHOOL BUS, ADDITIONAL ITEMS

ITEM AND METHOD OF INSPECTION

Type III school buses shall be inspected in accordance with Type A, B, C, and D school bus inspection procedures for general repair condition of such items as steering components, shock absorbers, tires, brakes and chassis. Exhaust system, lighting and windshield components shall be operative as required by federal or state law.

The following subparts are specific to Type III and shall be inspected accordingly. Points for defects shall follow those of Type A, B, C, and D inspections.

Equipment

Subpart 1 Standards. All related equipment provided on the vehicle must comply with federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards where applicable. If no federal standard applies, equipment must be manufacturer's standard.

Subpart 1a Vehicle. Vehicles twelve years or older must not be used as Type III vehicles to transport school children and no inspection will be performed on a Type III vehicle that has reached its 12th anniversary.

Exception: This standard does not apply to vehicles manufactured to school bus standards (571.222), are manufactured for 10 or fewer passengers and are 10,000 lbs. GVW or less, and have at least one emergency window on each side of the bus.

Subpart 2 Color. Vehicles must be painted a color other than national school bus yellow or Minnesota golden orange.

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Subpart 2a Fire Extinguisher. A minimum of one 2½ pound dry chemical type fire extinguisher, with not less than a 10-B-C rating, is required. It must be approved by Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or an equivalent testing laboratory.

The extinguisher must be mounted in a bracket and must be located in the driver's compartment and be readily accessible to the driver and passengers.

A pressure indicator is required and must be easily read without removing the extinguisher from its mounted position.

Subpart 2b First Aid Kit. A minimum of a ten unit first aid kit is required. The bus must have a removable, moisture and dust-proof first aid kit mounted in an accessible place within the driver's compartment and must be marked to indicate its location.

Subpart 3 Identification. The vehicle must not have the words "school bus" in any location on the exterior of the vehicle or in any interior location visible to a motorist.

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Subpart 4 Lamps and Signals.
Installation and use of the eight-lamp warning system is prohibited.

All lamps on the exterior of the vehicle must conform with and be installed as required by Federal Motor Vehicle Standard 108, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 571.

Subpart 5 Stop Signal Arm. Installation and use of a stop signal arm is prohibited.

Subpart 6 Mirrors. The interior clear rearview mirror must afford a good view of pupils and roadway to the rear.

Two exterior clear view rearview mirrors must be provided, one to the left and one to the right of the driver. Each mirror

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must be firmly supported and adjustable to give the driver clear view past the left rear and right rear of the bus.

Subpart 7 Warning Device. A Type III bus must contain at least three red reflectorized triangle road warning devices. Fusees may also be used. Liquid burning "pot type" flares are not allowed.

Subpart 8 Option. Passenger cars and station wagons may carry fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and warning triangles in the trunk or trunk area of the vehicle if a label in the driver and front passenger area clearly indicates the location of these items.

Small mini-vans with limited room in driver's area shall be included in this option.

Subpart 9 Interior. The interior of the bus must be free of all unnecessary projections likely to cause injury. Ceilings and walls must have an inner lining.