PARTIAL

STURAA TEST

7 YEAR

200,000 MILE BUS

from

SUPREME CORP.

MODEL FORD SENATOR

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Supreme Corp. submitted a model Ford Senator, gasoline-powered 13 seat (including the driver) 23-foot bus, for a partial STURAA test in the 7 yr/200,000 mile category. The test bus is built on a Ford F-450 chassis. The odometer reading at the time of delivery was 595.0 miles. The Federal Transit Administration determined that the following test would be performed: 1.1 Accessibility of Components & Subsystems, 1.3 R/R of Selected Subsystems, 3. Safety, 4.1 Performance Test, 4.2 Brake Test, 6. Fuel Economy Test, 7.1 Interior Noise Tests, 7.2 Exterior Noise Tests and 8. Emissions. Testing started on March 11, 2011 and was completed on April 18, 2011. The Check-In section of the report provides a description of the bus and specifies its major components.

The interior of the bus is configured with seating for 13 passengers including the driver plus 2 wheelchair positions. Free floor space will accommodate 8 standing passengers resulting in a potential load of 21 persons plus 2 wheelchair positions. At 150 lbs per person and 600 lbs per wheelchair position, this load results in a measured Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of 13,420 lbs. **Note: at Gross Vehicle Load (GVL) the weight of the rear axle is 310 lbs over the rear GAWR.**

Effective January 1, 2010 the Federal Transit Administration determined that the total number of simulated passengers used for loading all test vehicles will be based on the full complement of seats and free-floor space available for standing passengers (150 lbs per passenger). The passenger loading used for dynamic testing will not be reduced in order to comply with Gross Axle Weight Ratings (GAWR's) or the Gross Vehicle Weight Ratings (GVWR's) declared by the manufacturer. Cases where the loading exceeds the GAWR and/or the GVWR will be noted accordingly. During the testing program, all test vehicles transported or operated over public roadways will be loaded to comply with the GAWR and GVWR specified by the manufacturer.

Accessibility, in general, was adequate, 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 Safety Test, (a double-lane change, obstacle avoidance test) 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 15.27 seconds. The Stopping Distance phase of the Brake Test was completed with the following results; for the Uniform High Friction Test average stopping distances were 27.47' at 20 mph, 54.93' at 30 mph, 100.52' at 40 mph and 127.61' at 45 mph. The average stopping distance for the Uniform Low Friction Test was 27.39'. There was no deviation from the test lane during the performance of the Stopping Distance phase. During the Stability phase of Brake Testing the test bus experienced no deviation from the test lane but did experience pull to the left during both approaches to the Split Friction Road surface. The Parking Brake phase was

completed with the test bus maintaining the parked position for the full five minute period with no slip or roll observed in both the uphill and downhill positions.

A Fuel Economy Test was run on simulated central business district, arterial, and commuter courses. The results were 6.55 mpg, 6.54 mpg, and 10.31 mpg respectively; with an overall average of 7.31 mpg.

A series of Interior and Exterior Noise Tests was performed. These data are listed in Section 7.1 and 7.2 respectively. Emissions Testing was performed. These data are listed in Section 8.

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
PSBRTF	-	Penn State Bus Research and Testing Facility
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 test bus, assign a bus number, complete the vehicle data form, and perform a safety check.

II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test consists of assigning a bus 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 consists of a Supreme Corp., model Ford Senator. The bus has an O.E.M. Driver's door rear of the front axle. The passenger door is located rear of the front axle and the dedicated handicap entrance is equipped with a Braun model N1919F1B-2 hydraulic platform lift. Power is provided by a gasoline-fueled, Ford Motor Co. 5.4 L engine coupled to a Ford model Torqshift 5 transmission.

The measured curb weight is 3,140 lbs for the front axle and 6,040 lbs for the rear axle. These combined weights provide a total measured curb weight of 9,180 lbs. There are 13 seats including the driver, 2 wheelchair positions and room for 8 standing passengers bringing the total passenger capacity to 21 plus 2 wheelchair positions. Gross load is 150 lb x 21 = 3,150 lbs + 1,200 lbs (2 wheelchair positions) = 4,350 lbs. At full capacity, the measured gross vehicle weight is 13,420 lbs. **Note: at GVL the load is 310 lbs over the rear GAWR.**

VEHICLE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Arrival Date: 3-1-11
Bus Manufacturer: Supreme/Startrans	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1FDFE4FL6ADA90233
Model Number: Ford Senator	Date: 3-11-11
Personnel: T.S. & B.L.	Chassis: Ford / F-450

WEIGHT:

Individual Wheel Reactions:

Weights (lb)	Front Axle		Middle Axle		Rear Axle	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
CW	1,580	1,560	N/A	N/A	3,350	2,690
SLW	1,520	1,720	N/A	N/A	4,620	4,350
GVW	1,690	1,920	N/A	N/A	5,060	4,750

Total Weight Details:

Weight (lb)	CW	SLW	GVW	GAWR
Front Axle	3,140	3,240	3,610	5,000
Middle Axle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rear Axle	6,040	8,970	9,810	9,500
Total	9,180	12,210	13,420	GVWR: 14,050

Dimensions:

Length (ft/in)	23 / 2.0
Width (in)	96.5
Height (in)	114.0
Front Overhang (in)	34.75
Rear Overhang (in)	84.25
Wheel Base (in)	159.0
Wheel Track (in)	Front: 69.2
	Rear: 78.0

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CLEARANCES:

Lowest Point Outside Front Axle	Location: Front spoiler Clearance(in): 13.8
Lowest Point Outside Rear Axle	Location: Exhaust pipe Clearance(in): 12.8
Lowest Point between Axles	Location: Step well Clearance(in): 10.3
Ground Clearance at the center (in)	10.3
Front Approach Angle (deg)	21.7
Rear Approach Angle (deg)	8.6
Ramp Clearance Angle (deg)	3.7
Aisle Width (in)	16.2
Inside Standing Height at Center Aisle (in)	80.7

BODY DETAILS:

Body Structural Type	Integral		
Frame Material	Steel		
Body Material	Fiberglass		
Floor Material	Plywood		
Roof Material	Fiberglass		
Windows Type	■ Fixed	☐ Movable	
Window Mfg./Model No.	Safety DOT 269 / AS3 M180		
Number of Doors	2 Front	2 Rear	
Mfr. / Model No.	A & M Inc. / W-10		
Dimension of Each Door (in)	Driver's – 31.5 x 54.6 Handicap – 46.7 x 70.2 Passenger – 31.8 x 82.8 Emergency – 32.1 x 57.8		
Passenger Seat Type	☐ Cantilever	■ Pedestal	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Freedman Seating Co. / Mid Back SZ17		
Driver Seat Type	☐ Air	■ Spring	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Freedman Seating Co. / High Back S106		
Number of Seats (including Driver)	13 + 2 wheelchair positions		

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BODY DETAILS (Contd..)

Free Floor Space (ft^2)	12.6			
Height of Each Step at Normal Position (in)	Front 1. 12.4	2. 8.5	3. 8.9	4. N/A
	Middle 1. N/A	2. N/A	3. N/A	4. N/A
	Rear 1. N/A	2. N/A	3. N/A	4. N/A
Step Elevation Change - Kneeling (in)	N/A			

ENGINE

Type	☐ C.I.	☐ Alternate Fuel	
	■ S.I.	☐ Other (explain)	
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford Motor Co. / 5.4 L		
Location	☐ Front	☐ Rear	☐ Other (explain)
Fuel Type	■ Gasoline	☐ CNG	☐ Methanol
	☐ Diesel	☐ LNG	☐ Other (explain)
Fuel Tank Capacity (Gals)	55		
Fuel Induction Type	■ Injected	☐ Carburetion	
Fuel Injector Mfr. / Model No.	Ford Motor Co. / 5.4 L		
Carburetor Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Fuel Pump Mfr. / Model No.	Ford Motor Co. / 5.4 L		
Alternator (Generator) Mfr. / Model No.	Mitsubishi / A4TJ0181		
Maximum Rated Output (Volts / Amps)	12 / 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.	Fomoco / OEM		

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TRANSMISSION

Transmission Type	☐ Manual	■ Automatic	
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / Torqshift 5		
Control Type	■ Mechanical	☐ Electrical	☐ Other
Torque Converter Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / Torqshift 5		
Integral Retarder Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		

SUSPENSION

Number of Axles	2		
Front Axle Type	■ Independent	☐ Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Ford / O.E.M.		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	☐ Air	■ Spring	☐ Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Motorcraft / O.E.M.		
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.	Dana / NA		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	4.56		
Suspension Type	☐ Air	■ Spring	☐ Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Motorcraft / C113D1		

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WHEELS & TIRES

Front	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Fumagalli / 16 x 6
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Michelin LTX LT / 225/75R 16
Rear	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Fumagalli / 16 x 6
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Michelin LTX LT / 225/75R 16

BRAKES

Front Axle Brakes Type	☐ Cam	■ Disc	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Fomoco / NA		
Middle Axle Brakes Type	☐ Cam	☐ Disc	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Rear Axle Brakes Type	☐ Cam	■ Disc	☐ Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Fomoco / NA		
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 / H05		
Air Conditioner	■ Yes	☐ No	
Location	Front		
Capacity (Btu/hr)	70,000		
A/C Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	AC713/A231		

STEERING

Steering Gear Box Type	Hydraulic gear
Mfr. / Model No.	Fomoco / OEM
Steering Wheel Diameter	15.5
Number of turns (lock to lock)	4.0

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OTHERS

Wheel Chair Ramps	Location: N/A	Type: N/A
Wheel Chair Lifts	Location: Rear	Type: Hydraulic platform lift
Mfr. / Model No.	Braun / N1919FB-2	
Emergency Exit	Location: Doors Windows	Number: 4 2

CAPACITIES

Fuel Tank Capacity (gallons)	55.0
Engine Crankcase Capacity (gallons)	1.5
Transmission Capacity (gallons)	NA
Differential Capacity (pints)	9.0
Cooling System Capacity (quarts)	7.7
Power Steering Fluid Capacity (quarts)	NA

VEHICLE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-1-11

List all spare parts, tools and manuals delivered with the bus.

Part Number	Description	Qty.
NA	NA	NA

COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM INSPECTION FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-14-11

Subsystem	Checked	Comments
Air Conditioning Heating and Ventilation	✓	
Body and Sheet Metal	✓	
Frame	✓	
Steering	✓	
Suspension	✓	
Interior/Seating	✓	
Axles	✓	
Brakes	✓	
Tires/Wheels	✓	
Exhaust	✓	
Fuel System	✓	
Power Plant	✓	
Accessories	✓	
Lift System	✓	
Interior Fasteners	✓	
Batteries	✓	

CHECK - IN

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SUPREME CORP MODEL FORD SENATOR EQUIPPED WITH A BRAUN MODEL N1919F1B-2 HANDICAP LIFT

OPERATOR'S AREA

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

Accessibility, in general, was adequate. 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.

ACCESSIBILITY DATA FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-14-11

Component	Checked	Comments
ENGINE :		
Oil Dipstick	✓	
Oil Filler Hole	✓	
Oil Drain Plug	✓	
Oil Filter	✓	
Fuel Filter	✓	
Air Filter	✓	
Belts	✓	
Coolant Level	✓	
Coolant Filler Hole	✓	
Coolant Drain	✓	
Spark / Glow Plugs	✓	
Alternator	✓	
Diagnostic Interface Connector	✓	
TRANSMISSION :		
Fluid Dip-Stick	✓	
Filler Hole	✓	
Drain Plug	✓	
SUSPENSION :	✓	
Bushings	✓	
Shock Absorbers	✓	
Air Springs	**N/A**	
Leveling Valves	**N/A**	
Grease Fittings	✓	

ACCESSIBILITY DATA FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-14-11

Component	Checked	Comments
HVAC :		
A/C Compressor	✓	
Filters	✓	
Fans	✓	
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM :		
Fuses	✓	
Batteries	✓	
Voltage regulator	✓	
Voltage Converters	✓	
Lighting	✓	
MISCELLANEOUS :		
Brakes	✓	
Handicap Lifts/Ramps	✓	
Instruments	✓	
Axles	✓	
Exhaust	✓	
Fuel System	✓	
OTHERS :		

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, no additional components were removed for repair or replacement.

At the end of the test, the remaining items on the list were removed and replaced. The transmission assembly took 6.0 man-hours (two men 3.0 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	6.0 man hours
Wiper Motor	0.5 man hours
Starter	0.5 man hours
Alternator	0.75 man hours
Batteries	0.75 man hours

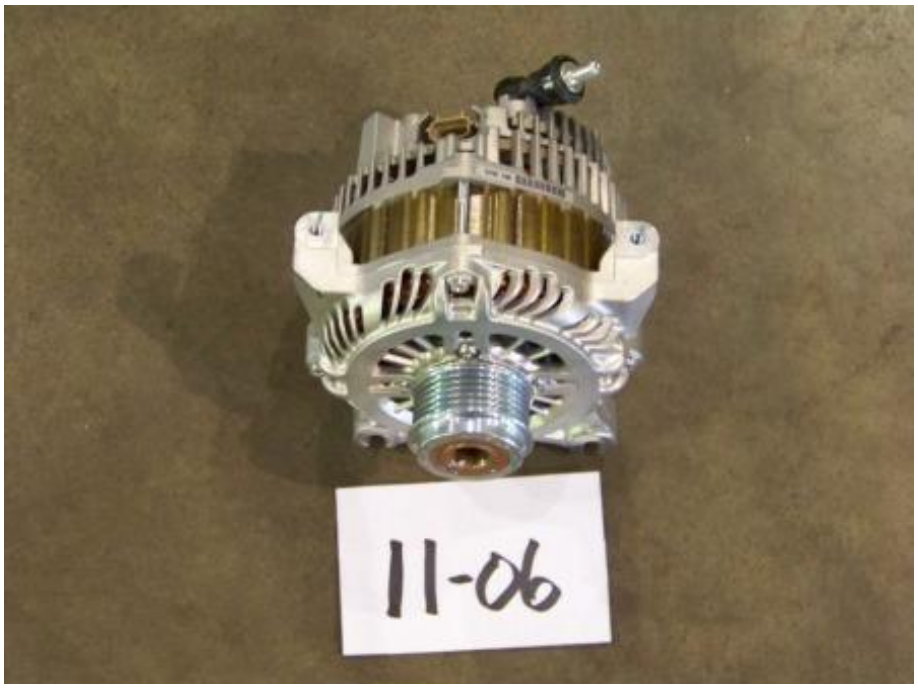
1.3 REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF SELECTED SUBSYSTEMS

TRANSMISSION REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT (6.00 MAN HOURS)

WIPER MOTOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT (0.50 MAN HOURS)

1.3 REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF SELECTED SUBSYSTEMS CONT.

STARTER REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT (0.50 MAN HOURS)



ALTERNATOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT (0.75 MAN HOURS)

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: 1106	Date: 3-16-11
Personnel: G.C., T.S. & E.L.	

Temperature (°F): 48	Humidity (%): 77
Wind Direction: W	Wind Speed (mph): 11
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.30	

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.	

4.0 PERFORMANCE

4.1 PERFORMANCE - AN ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, AND TOP SPEED TEST

4.1-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

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

4.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In this test, the bus will be operated at SLW on the skid pad at the PSBRTF. 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.

4.1-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 15.27 seconds.

PERFORMANCE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-16-11
Personnel: G.C., T.S. & S.C.	
Temperature (°F): 48	Humidity (%): 77
Wind Direction: W	Wind Speed (mph): 11
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.30	
Air Conditioning compressor-OFF	✓Checked
Ventilation fans-ON HIGH	✓Checked
Heater pump motor-Off	✓Checked
Defroster-OFF	✓ Checked
Exterior and interior lights-ON	✓ Checked
Windows and doors-CLOSED	✓ Checked

ACCELERATION, GRADEABILITY, TOP SPEED

Counter Clockwise Recorded Interval Times

Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	2.26	2.23	2.11
20 mph	4.73	4.70	4.48
30 mph	7.29	7.51	7.39
40 mph	11.20	11.23	11.01
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	15.54	15.67	15.05

Clockwise Recorded Interval Times

Speed	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3
10 mph	2.32	2.10	2.07
20 mph	4.29	4.57	4.42
30 mph	7.07	7.04	6.95
40 mph	10.88	10.88	10.82
Top Test Speed(mph) 50	15.04	15.16	15.13

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PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER :Supreme
BUS MODEL :Ford Senator
BUS NUMBER :1106
TEST DATE :03/16/11

TEST CONDITIONS :

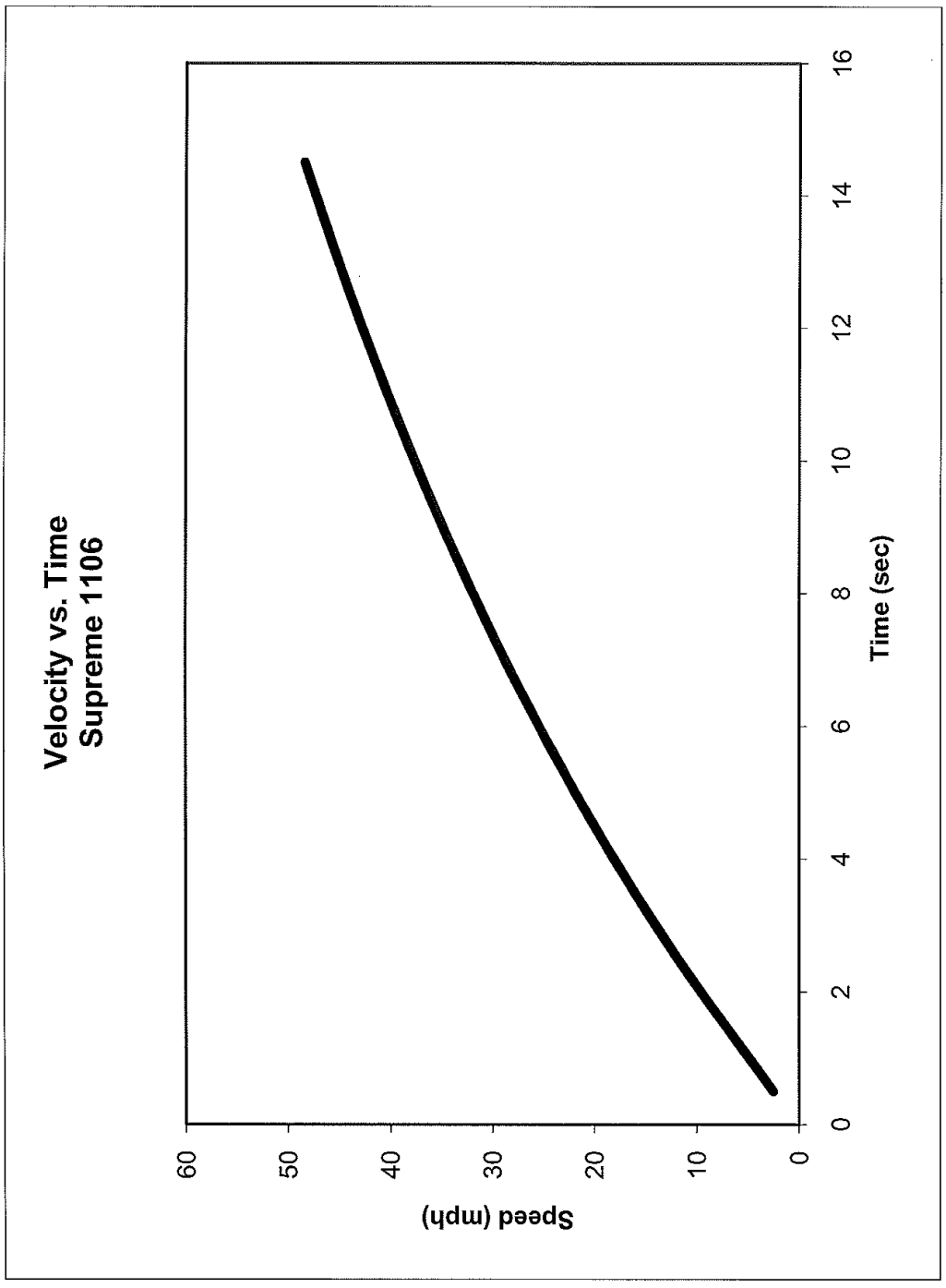
TEMPERATURE (DEG F) : 48.0
WIND DIRECTION : W
WIND SPEED (MPH) : 11.0
HUMIDITY (%) : 77
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE (IN. HG) : 30.3

VEHICLE SPEED	AVERAGE TIME (SEC)		
(MPH)	CCW DIRECTION	CW DIRECTION	TOTAL
10.0	2.20	2.16	2.18
20.0	4.64	4.43	4.53
30.0	7.40	7.02	7.21
40.0	11.15	10.86	11.00
50.0	15.42	15.11	15.27

TEST SUMMARY :

VEHICLE SPEED (MPH)	TIME (SEC)	ACCELERATION (FT/SEC^2)	MAX. GRADE (%)
1.0	.20	7.5	23.8
5.0	1.00	7.1	22.5
10.0	2.08	6.6	20.8
15.0	3.24	6.1	19.2
20.0	4.50	5.6	17.6
25.0	5.88	5.1	16.0
30.0	7.38	4.6	14.6
35.0	9.05	4.2	13.1
40.0	10.89	3.8	11.8
45.0	12.96	3.4	10.5
50.0	15.28	3.0	9.2

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
Supreme 1106
Speed (mph)
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
Time (sec)
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
14
16

4.0 PERFORMANCE

4.2 Performance - Bus Braking

4.2 I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to provide, for comparison purposes, braking performance data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers.

4.2 II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The testing will be conducted at the PTI Test Track skid pad area. Brake tests will be conducted after completion of the GVW portion of the vehicle durability test. At this point in testing the brakes have been subjected to a large number of braking snubs and will be considered well burnished. Testing will be performed when the bus is fully loaded at its GVW. All tires on each bus must be representative of the tires on the production model vehicle

The brake testing procedure comprises three phases:

1. Stopping distance tests

    i. Dry surface (high-friction, Skid Number within the range of 70-76)
    ii. Wet surface (low-friction, Skid Number within the range of 30-36)

2. Stability tests
3. Parking brake test

Stopping Distance Tests

The stopping distance phase will evaluate service brake stops. All stopping distance tests on dry surface will be performed in a straight line and at the speeds of 20, 30, 40 and 45 mph. All stopping distance tests on wet surface will be performed in straight line at speed of 20 mph.

The tests will be conducted as follows:

1. **Uniform High Friction Tests:** Four maximum deceleration straight-line brake applications each at 20, 30, 40 and 45 mph, to a full stop on a uniform high-friction surface in a 3.66-m (12-ft) wide lane.

2. **Uniform Low Friction Tests:** Four maximum deceleration straight-line brake applications from 20 mph on a uniform low friction surface in a 3.66-m (12-ft) wide lane.

When performing service brake stops for both cases, the test vehicle is accelerated on the bus test lane to the speed specified in the test procedure and this speed is maintained into the skid pad area. Upon entry of the appropriate lane of the skid pad area, the vehicle's service brake is applied to stop the vehicle as quickly as possible. The stopping distance is measured

and recorded for both cases on the test data form. Stopping distance results on dry and wet surfaces will be recorded and the average of the four measured stopping distances will be considered as the measured stopping distance. Any deviation from the test lane will be recorded.

Stability Tests

This test will be conducted in both directions on the test track. The test consists of four maximum deceleration, straight-line brake applications on a surface with split coefficients of friction (i.e., the wheels on one side run on high-friction SN 70-76 or more and the other side on low-friction [where the lower coefficient of friction should be less than half of the high one] at initial speed of 30 mph).

(I) The performance of the vehicle will be evaluated to determine if it is possible to keep the vehicle within a 3.66m (12 ft) wide lane, with the dividing line between the two surfaces in the lane's center. The steering wheel input angle required to keep the vehicle in the lane during the maneuver will be reported.

Parking Brake Test

The parking brake phase utilizes the brake slope, which has a 20% grade. The test vehicle, at its GVW, is driven onto the brake slope and stopped. With the transmission in neutral, the parking brake is applied and the service brake is released. The test vehicle is required to remain stationary for five minutes. The parking brake test is performed with the vehicle facing uphill and downhill.

4.2-III. DISCUSSION

The Stopping Distance phase of the Brake Test was completed with the following results; for the Uniform High Friction Test average stopping distances were 27.47' at 20 mph, 54.93' at 30 mph, 100.52' at 40 mph and 127.61' at 45 mph. The average stopping distance for the Uniform Low Friction Test was 27.39' There was no deviation from the test lane during the performance of the Stopping Distance phase.

During the Stability phase of Brake Testing the test bus experienced no deviation from the test lane but did experience pull to the left during both approaches to the Split Friction Road surface.

The Parking Brake phase was completed with the test bus maintaining the parked position for the full five minute period with no slip or roll observed in both the uphill and downhill positions.

Table 4.2-6. Braking Test Data Forms

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-22-11
Personnel: G.C., T.S., B.L. & S.C.	
Amb. Temperature (^{o}F): 41	Wind Speed (mph): 8
Wind Direction: NW	Pavement Temp °(F): Start: 40 End: 45

TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE (psi):

Tire Type: Front: Michelin LTX M/S 225/75R 16 Rear: Michelin LTX M/S 225/75R 16

	Left Tire(s)		Right Tire(s)	
Front	75		75	
	Inner	Outer	Inner	Outer
Rear	80	80	80	80
Rear	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

AXLE LOADS (lb)

	Left	Right
Front	1,920	1,690
Rear	4,750	5,060

FINAL INSPECTION

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-22-11
Personnel: S.C.	

Table 4.2-7. Record of All Braking System Faults/Repairs.

Date	Personnel	Fault/Repair	Description
3/22/11	S.C.	None noted.	

Table 4.2-8.1. Stopping Distance Test Results Form

Stopping Distance (ft)					
Vehicle Direction	CW	CW	CCW	CCW	
Speed (mph)	**Stop 1**	**Stop 2**	**Stop 3**	**Stop 4**	**Average**
20 (dry)	27.62	28.95	27.26	26.02	27.47
30 (dry)	55.36	58.71	52.77	52.88	54.93
40 (dry)	107.09	102.72	97.95	94.29	100.52
45 (dry)	130.50	124.98	126.27	128.68	127.61
20 (wet)	27.04	27.12	27.08	28.29	27.39

Table 4.2-8.2. Stability Test Results Form

Stability Test Results (Split Friction Road surface)		
Vehicle Direction	Attempt	Maximum Steering Wheel Angle correction (deg) & Remarks
CW	1	Yes.
	2	Yes.
CCW	1	Yes.
	2	Yes.

Table 4.2-8.3. Parking Brake Test Form

PARKING BRAKE (Fully Loaded) - GRADE HOLDING						
Vehicle Direction	Attempt	Hold Time (min)	Slide (in)	Roll (in)	Did Hold	No Hold
Front up	1	5 min.			Yes	
	2					
	3					
Front down	1	5 min.			Yes	
	2					
	3					

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 Penn State Test 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, and 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 Penn State 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), liquefied 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 60EF (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 60EF. 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

phase	miles per phase	total miles per run
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$FEo_{mi/lb}$ = 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 Gs (referred to water) at 60°F and multiply by the density of water at 60°F

$$\mathbf{FEo_{mpg}} = \mathbf{FEc_{mi/lb}} \times Gs \times Gw$$

where **Gs** = Specific gravity of test fuel at 60°F (referred to water)
Gw = 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.

$$\mathbf{FEc} = \mathbf{FEo_{mpg}} \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

where

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

Combining steps 1-3 yields

$$\Rightarrow \quad FEc = \frac{miles}{lbs} \times (Gs \times Gw) \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

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/BTUx10^6.

Eq = Energy equivalent of converting mpg to mile/BTUx10^6.

$$Eq = ((mpg)/(H))x10^6$$

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/BTUx10^6) 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.

phase	miles per phase	total miles per run
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$FEo_{mi/scf}$ = 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/ft^3).

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/BTUx10^6) by dividing the observed fuel economy (FEomi/lb) by the heating value of the test fuel at standard conditions.

$$Eq = ((FEomi/lb)/H)x10^6$$

where

Eq = Energy equivalent of miles/lb to mile/BTUx10^6
H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel at standard conditions

6-III. DISCUSSION

This is a comparative test of fuel economy using gasoline fuel with a heating value of 20,025.0 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 127,700.0 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 – 6.55 mpg, ART – 6.54 mpg, and COM – 10.31 mpg. Average fuel consumption at idle was 0.60 gph.

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-10-11	SLW (lbs): 12,210
Personnel: B.L., E.D. & E.L.		

FUEL SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Install fuel measurement system	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Replace fuel filter	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Check for fuel leaks	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Specify fuel type (refer to fuel analysis)	Gasoline		
Remarks: None noted.			
BRAKES/TIRES	OK	Date	Initials
Inspect hoses	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Inspect brakes	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Relube wheel bearings	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Check tire inflation pressures (mfg. specs.)	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Remarks: None noted.			
COOLING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check hoses and connections	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Check system for coolant leaks	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 2)

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-10-11
Personnel: B.L., E.D. & E.L.	

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	OK	Date	Initials
Check battery	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Inspect wiring	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Inspect terminals	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Check lighting	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			

DRIVE SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Drain transmission fluid	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Replace filter/gasket	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Check hoses and connections	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace transmission fluid	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Check for fluid leaks	✓	3/10/11	E.l.
Remarks: None noted.			

LUBRICATION	OK	Date	Initials
Drain crankcase oil	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace filters	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace crankcase oil	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Check for oil leaks	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Check oil level	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Lube all chassis grease fittings	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Lube universal joints	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace differential lube including axles	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 3)

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-10-11
Personnel: B.L., E.D. & E.L.	

EXHAUST/EMISSION SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check for exhaust leaks	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
ENGINE	**OK**	**Date**	**Initials**
Replace air filter	✓	3-10-11	E.L.
Inspect air compressor and air system	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Inspect vacuum system, if applicable	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Check and adjust all drive belts	✓	3-10-11	E.D.
Check cold start assist, if applicable	✓	3-10-11	E.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
STEERING SYSTEM	**OK**	**Date**	**Initials**
Check power steering hoses and connectors	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Service fluid level	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Check power steering operation	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
	OK	**Date**	**Initials**
Ballast bus to seated load weight	✓	3-10-11	E.L.
TEST DRIVE	**OK**	**Date**	**Initials**
Check brake operation	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Check transmission operation	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST INSPECTION FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-25-11
Personnel: B.G., S.C. & T.S.	

PRE WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form is complete	T.S.
Cold tire pressure (psi): Front 75 Middle N/A Rear 80	T.S.
Tire wear:	S.C.
Engine oil level	B.G.
Engine coolant level	B.G.
Interior and exterior lights on, evaporator fan on	B.G.
Fuel economy instrumentation installed and working properly.	S.C.
Fuel line -- no leaks or kinks	T.S.
Speed measuring system installed on bus. Speed indicator installed in front of bus and accessible to TECH and Driver.	T.S.
Bus is loaded to SLW	S.C. & T.S.
WARM-UP	**If OK, Initial**
Bus driven for at least one hour warm-up	B.G.
No extensive or black smoke from exhaust	T.S.
POST WARM-UP	**If OK, Initial**
Warm tire pressure (psi): Front 75 Middle N/A Rear 80	T.S.
Environmental conditions Average wind speed <12 mph and maximum gusts <15 mph Ambient temperature between 30°F(-1C°) and 90°F(32°C) Track surface is dry Track is free of extraneous material and clear of interfering traffic	T.S.

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 1106	Manufacturer: Supreme	Date: 3-25-11
Run Number: 1	Personnel: B.G., T.S. & S.C.	
Test Direction: □CW or ■CCW	Temperature (°F): 31	Humidity (%): 53
SLW (lbs): 12,210	Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 5/NNW	Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.02

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:55	8:55	4.0	0	.3144	.3144
ART #1	0	3:51	3:51	2.0	0	.3049	.3049
CBD #2	0	8:53	8:53	3.0	0	.3037	.3037
ART #2	0	3:55	3:55	2.3	0	.2967	.2967
CBD #3	0	8:38	8:38	2.1	0	.3005	.3005
COMMUTER	0	5:54	5:54	2.1	0	.3800	.3800
							Total Fuel = 1.9002 gals

20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = .2088 gals

Heating Value = 20,025.0 BTU/LB

Comments: None noted.

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 1106	Manufacturer: Supreme	Date: 3-25-11
Run Number: 2	Personnel: B.G., T.S. & S.C.	
Test Direction: ■CW or □CCW	Temperature (°F): 33	Humidity (%): 53
SLW (lbs): 12,210	Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 5/NNW	Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.02

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:28	8:28	2.6	0	.3054	.3054
ART #1	0	3:51	3:51	3.2	0	.3033	.3033
CBD #2	0	8:23	8:23	3.0	0	.3018	.3018
ART #2	0	3:53	3:53	3.1	0	.2850	.2850
CBD #3	0	8:30	8:30	2.9	0	.2955	.2955
COMMUTER	0	5:55	5:55	3.3	0	.3815	.3815
							Total Fuel = 1.8725 gals

20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A gals

Heating Value = 20,025.0 BTU/LB

Comments: None noted.

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 1106	Manufacturer: Supreme	Date: 3-28-11
Run Number: 3	Personnel: B.G., S.C. & B.L.	
Test Direction: □CW or ■CCW	Temperature (°F): 32	Humidity (%): 27
SLW (lbs): 12,210	Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 6/NNW	Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.11

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:32	8:32	2.4	0	.3059	.3059
ART #1	0	3:47	3:47	4.6	0	.3027	.3027
CBD #2	0	8:31	8:31	5.1	0	.2981	.2981
ART #2	0	3:53	3:53	5.0	0	.3016	.3016
CBD #3	0	8:27	8:27	5.4	0	.2950	.2950
COMMUTER	0	5:49	5:49	5.7	0	.3814	.3814
							Total Fuel = 1.8847 gals

20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A gals

Heating Value = 20,025.0 BTU/LB

Comments: None noted.

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 1106	Manufacturer: Supreme	Date: 3-28-11
Run Number: 4	Personnel: B.G., S.C. & B.L.	
Test Direction: ■CW or □CCW	Temperature (°F): 32	Humidity (%): 27
SLW (lbs): 12,210	Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 6/NNW	Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.11

Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Flow Meter Reading (gals)		Fuel Used (gals)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:35	8:35	2.6	0	.2916	.2916
ART #1	0	3:50	3:50	5.2	0	.3007	.3007
CBD #2	0	8:27	8:27	6.2	0	.2911	.2911
ART #2	0	3:33	3:33	6.3	0	.3001	.3001
CBD #3	0	8:28	8:28	6.4	0	.2889	.2889
COMMUTER	0	5:50	5:50	5.8	0	.3777	.3777
							Total Fuel = 1.8501 gals

20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = .1891 gals

Heating Value = 20,025.0 BTU/LB

Comments: None noted.

FUEL ECONOMY SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER :Supreme Corp. BUS NUMBER :1106
BUS MODEL :Ford Senator TEST DATE :03/28/11

FUEL TYPE : GASOLINE
SP. GRAVITY : .7400
HEATING VALUE : 20025.00 BTU/Lb
FUEL TEMPERATURE : 60.00 deg F
Standard Conditions : 60 deg F and 14.7 psi
Density of Water : 8.3373 lb/gallon at 60 deg F

CYCLE	TOTAL FUEL USED(GAL)	TOTAL MILES	FUEL ECONOMY MPG(Measured)	FUEL ECONOMY MPG (Corrected)
Run # :1, CCW				
CBD	.919	5.73	6.238	6.40
ART	.602	3.82	6.350	6.51
COM	.380	3.82	10.053	10.31
TOTAL	1.900	13.37	7.036	7.22
Run # :2, CW				
CBD	.903	5.73	6.348	6.51
ART	.588	3.82	6.493	6.66
COM	.382	3.82	10.013	10.27
TOTAL	1.873	13.37	7.140	7.32
Run # :3, CCW				
CBD	.899	5.73	6.374	6.54
ART	.604	3.82	6.321	6.48
COM	.381	3.82	10.016	10.27
TOTAL	1.885	13.37	7.094	7.28
Run # :4, CW				
CBD	.872	5.73	6.574	6.74
ART	.601	3.82	6.358	6.52
COM	.378	3.82	10.114	10.37
TOTAL	1.850	13.37	7.227	7.41

IDLE CONSUMPTION (MEASURED)

First 20 Minutes Data : .21GAL Last 20 Minutes Data : .19GAL
Average Idle Consumption : .60GAL/Hr

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

Run 1 : -1.2 Run 2 : .2 Run 3 : -.4 Run 4 : 1.4

SUMMARY (CORRECTED VALUES)

Average Idle Consumption : .58 G/Hr
Average CBD Phase Consumption : 6.55 MPG
Average Arterial Phase Consumption : 6.54 MPG
Average Commuter Phase Consumption : 10.31 MPG
Overall Average Fuel Consumption : 7.31 MPG
Overall Average Fuel Consumption : 59.14 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 on the track 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 and the Bus Testing Center.

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 80.0 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 51.0? dB(A); ranging from 49.5 dB(A) at the driver's seat to 52.5 dB(A) in line with the rear speaker. The interior ambient noise level for this test was < 34.0 dB(A).

The second test measures interior noise during acceleration from 0 to 35 mph. This noise level ranged from 73.7 dB(A) at the middle passenger seats to 76.8 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: 1106	Date: 3-8-11
Personnel: T.S.	
Temperature (°F): 30	Humidity (%): 72
Wind Speed (mph): Calm	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.43	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Interior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): < 34.0	Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 41.0
Microphone Height During Testing (in):	

Measurement Location	Measured Sound Level dB(A)
Driver's Seat	49.5
Front Passenger Seats	50.2
In Line with Front Speaker	50.6
In Line with Middle Speaker	51.2
In Line with Rear Speaker	52.5
Rear Passenger Seats	51.8

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.

Comments: All readings taken in the center aisle.

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

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-16-11
Personnel: G.C., S.C. & T.S.	
Temperature (°F): 48	Humidity (%): 77
Wind Speed (mph): 11	Wind Direction: W
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.30	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Interior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): < 34.0	Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 43.6
Microphone Height During Testing (in): 48.0	

Measurement Location	Measured Sound Level dB(A)
Driver's Seat	76.8
Front Passenger Seats	75.7
Middle Passenger Seats	73.7
Rear Passenger Seats	75.5

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.

Comments: All readings taken in the center aisle.

INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Test Condition 3: Audible Vibration Test

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-16-11
Personnel: G.C., S.C. & T.S.	
Temperature (°F): 48	Humidity (%): 77
Wind Speed (mph): 11	Wind Direction: W
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.30	

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 80 dB(A)
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 up shift.
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 PSBRTF 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 43.6 dB(A), the average test result obtained while accelerating from a constant speed was 75.3 dB(A) on the right side and 74.6 dB(A) on the left side.

When accelerating from a standstill with an exterior ambient noise level of 43.6 dB(A), the average of the results obtained were 73.9 dB(A) on the right side and 73.8 dB(A) on the left side.

With the vehicle stationary and the engine, accessories, and air conditioning on, the measurements averaged 48.2 dB(A) at low idle and 66.8 dB(A) at wide open throttle. With the accessories and air conditioning off, the readings averaged 4.5 dB(A) lower at low idle and 0.9 dB(A) lower at wide open throttle. The exterior ambient noise level measured during this test was 43.6 dB(A). Note: The test vehicle submitted for testing was not equipped with a high idle mode; therefore data for that condition is not available.

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Accelerating from Constant Speed

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-16-11
Personnel: G.C., T.S. & E.L.	
Temperature (°F): 48	Humidity (%): 77
Wind Speed (mph): 11	Wind Direction: W
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.30	
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: T.S.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 43.6	

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	74.8	1	74.4
2	75.0	2	74.1
3	74.9	3	74.4
4	74.7	4	74.6
5	75.5	5	74.6
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 75.3 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.6 dB(A)	

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ■ checked by: T.S.

Comments: None noted.

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Accelerating from Standstill

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-16-11
Personnel: G.C., T.S. & E.L.	
Temperature (°F): 48	Humidity (%): 77
Wind Speed (mph): 11	Wind Direction: W
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.30	
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: T.S.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 43.6	

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	72.2	1	73.1
2	73.9	2	71.4
3	70.3	3	72.6
4	73.9	4	73.9
5	71.7	5	73.7
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 73.9 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 73.8 dB(A)	

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ■ checked by: T.S.
Comments: None noted.

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Stationary

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-16-11
Personnel: G.C., T.S. & E.L.	
Temperature (°F): 48	Humidity (%): 77
Wind Speed (mph): 11	Wind Direction: W
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.30	

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: T.S.

Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: T.S.

Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 43.6

Accessories and Air Conditioning ON

Throttle Position	Engine RPM	Curb (Right) Side dB(A)	Street (Left) Side db(A)
		Measured	Measured
Low Idle	625	49.2	47.2
High Idle	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wide Open Throttle	3,300	67.0	66.5

Accessories and Air Conditioning OFF

Throttle Position	Engine RPM	Curb (Right) Side dB(A)	Street (Left) Side db(A)
		Measured	Measured
Low Idle	650	42.9	44.5
High Idle	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wide Open Throttle	3,400	66.0	65.8

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ■ checked by: T.S.

Comments: None noted.

8. EMISSIONS TEST – DYNAMOMETER-BASED EMISSIONS TEST USING TRANSIT DRIVING CYCLES

8-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to provide comparable emissions data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers. This chassis-based emissions test bears no relation to engine certification testing performed for compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation. EPA's certification tests are performed using an engine dynamometer operating under the Federal Test Protocol. This emissions test is a measurement of the gaseous engine emissions CO, CO2, NOx, HC and particulates (diesel vehicles) produced by a vehicle operating on a large-roll chassis dynamometer. The test is performed for three differed driving cycles intended to simulate a range of transit operating environments. The cycles consist of Manhattan Cycle, the Orange County Bus driving cycle, and the Urban Dynamometer Driving Cycle (UDDS) and. The test is performed under laboratory conditions in compliance with EPA 1065 and SAE J2711. The results of this test may not represent actual in-service vehicle emissions but will provide data that can be used by recipients to compare buses tested under different operating conditions.

8-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

This test is performed in the emissions bay of the LTI Vehicle Testing Laboratory. The Laboratory is equipped with a Schenk Pegasus 300 HP, large-roll (72 inch diameter) chassis dynamometer suitable for heavy-vehicle emissions testing. The dynamometer is located in the end test bay and is adjacent to the control room and emissions analysis area. The emissions laboratory provides capability for testing heavy-duty diesel and alternative-fueled buses for a variety of tailpipe emissions including particulate matter, oxides of nitrogen, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and hydrocarbons. It is equipped with a Horiba full-scale CVS dilution tunnel and emissions sampling system. The system includes Horiba Mexa 7400 Series gas analyzers and a Horiba HF47 Particulate Sampling System. Test operation is automated using Horiba CDTCS software. The computer controlled dynamometer is capable of simulating over-the-road operation for a variety of vehicles and driving cycles.

The emissions test will be performed as soon as permissible after the completion of the GVW portion of the structural durability test. The driving cycles are the Manhattan cycle, a low average speed, highly transient urban cycle (Figure 1), the Orange County Bus Cycle which consists of urban and highway driving segments (Figure 2), and the EPA UDDS Cycle (Figure 3). An emissions test will comprise of two runs for the three different driving cycles, and the average value will be reported. Test results reported will include the average grams per mile value for each of the gaseous emissions for

gasoline buses, for all the three driving cycles. In addition, the particulate matter emissions are included for diesel buses, and non-methane hydrocarbon emissions (NMHC) are included for CNG buses. Testing is performed in accordance with EPA CFR49, Part 1065 and SAE J2711 as practically determined by the FTA Emissions Testing Protocol developed by West Virginia University and Penn State University.

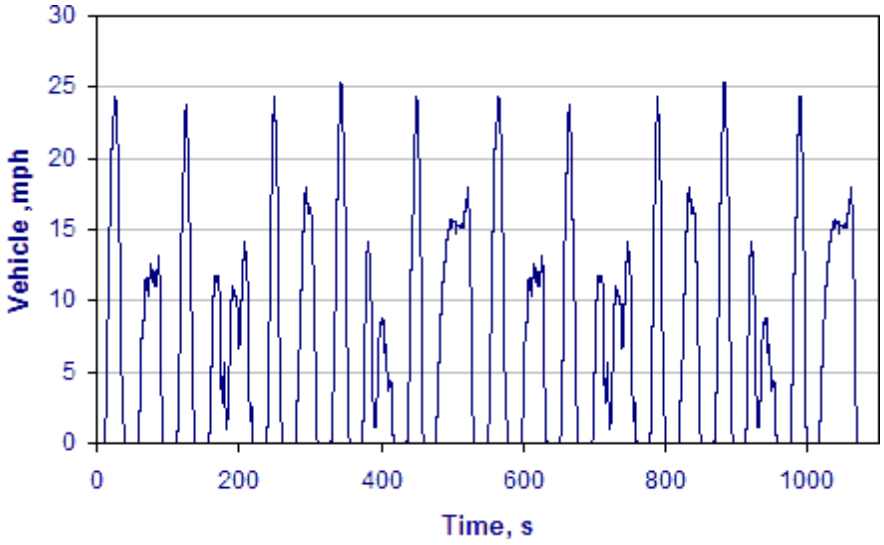


***Figure 1**. Manhattan Driving Cycle (duration 1089 sec, Maximum speed 25.4mph, average speed 6.8mph)*

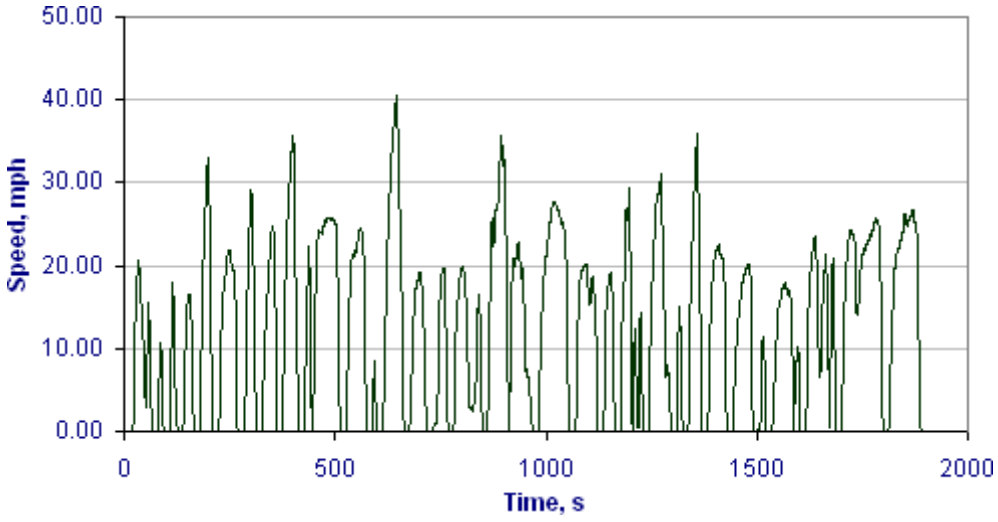


***Figure 2**. Orange County Bus Cycle (Duration 1909 Sec, Maximum Speed 41mph, Average Speed 12mph)*

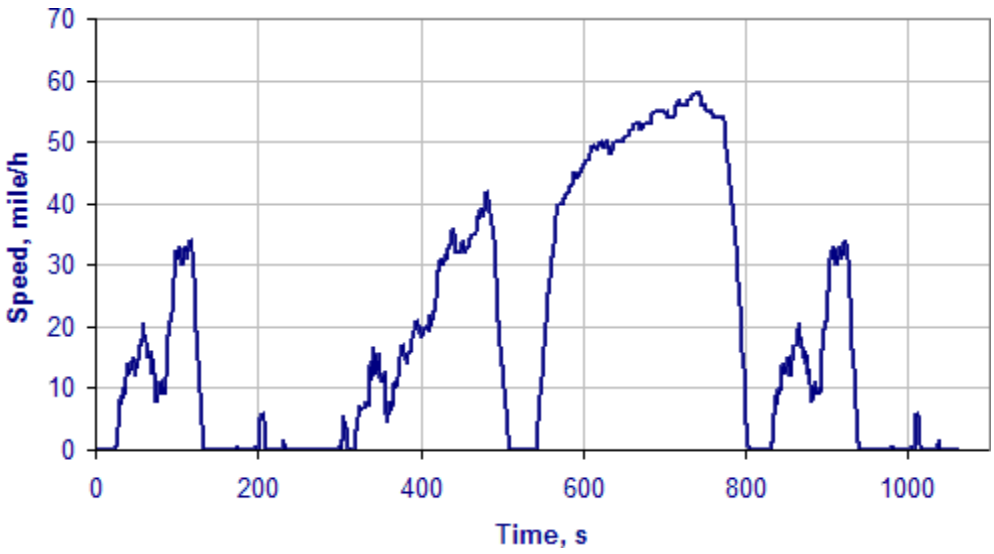


***Figure 3**. HD-UDDS Cycle (duration 1060seconds, Maximum Speed 58mph, Average Speed 18.86mph)*

8-III. TEST ARTICLE

The test article is a Supreme Corp. model Ford Senator transit bus equipped with a gasoline fueled Ford 5.4 L engine. The bus was tested on April 18, 2011with the odometer reading 811.0 miles.

8-IV. TEST EQUIPMENT

Testing is performed in the LTI Vehicle Testing Laboratory emissions testing bay. The test bay is equipped with a Schenk Pegasus 72-inch, large-roll chassis dynamometer. The dynamometer is electronically controlled to account for vehicle road-load characteristics and for simulating the inertia characteristics of the vehicle. Power to the roller is supplied and absorbed through an electronically controlled 3-phase ac motor. Absorbed power is dumped back onto the electrical grid.

Vehicle exhaust is collected by a Horiba CVS, full-flow dilution tunnel. The system has separate tunnels for diesel and gasoline/natural gas fueled vehicles. In the case of diesel vehicles, particulate emissions are measured gravimetrically using 47mm Teflon filters. These filters are housed in a Horiba HF47 particulate sampler, per EPA 1065 test procedures.. Heated gaseous emissions of hydrocarbons and NOx are sampled by Horiba heated oven analyzers. Gaseous

emissions for CO, CO2 and cold NOx are measured using a Horiba Mexa 7400 series gas analyzer. System operation, including the operation of the chassis dynamometer, and all calculations are controlled by a Dell workstation running Horiba CDCTS test control software. Particulate Filters are weighed in a glove box using a Sartorius microbalance accurate to 1 microgram.

8-V. TEST PREPARATION AND PROCEDURES

All vehicles are prepared for emissions testing in accordance with the Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form. (In the event that fuel economy test was performed immediately prior to emissions testing this step does not have to be repeated) This is done to ensure that the bus is tested in optimum operating condition. The manufacturer-specified preventive maintenance shall be performed before this test. The ABS system and when applicable, the regenerative braking system are disabled for operation on the chassis dynamometer. Any manufacturer-recommended changes to the pre-test maintenance procedure must be noted on the revision sheet. The Fuel Economy Pre-Test Inspection Form will also be completed before performing. Both the Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form and the Fuel Economy Pre-Test Inspection Form are found on the following pages.

Prior to performing the emissions test, each bus is evaluated to determine its road-load characteristics using coast-down techniques in accordance with SAE J1263. This data is used to program the chassis dynamometer to accurately simulate over-the-road operation of the bus.

Warm-up consists of driving the bus for 20 minutes at approximately 40 mph on the chassis dynamometer. The test driver follows the prescribed driving cycle watching the speed trace and instructions on the Horiba Drivers-Aid monitor which is placed in front of the windshield. The CDCTS computer monitors driver performance and reports any errors that could potentially invalidate the test.

All buses are tested at half seated load weight. The base line emissions data are obtained at the following conditions:

1. Air conditioning off
2. Evaporator fan or ventilation fan on
3. One Half Seated load weight
4. Appropriate test fuel with energy content (BTU/LB) noted in CDTCS software
5. Exterior and interior lights on
6. Heater Pump Motor off
7. Defroster off
8. Windows and Doors closed

The test tanks or the bus fuel tank(s) will be filled prior to the fuel economy test with the appropriate grade of test fuel.

8-VI DISCUSSION

The following Table 1 provides the emissions testing results on a grams per mile basis for each of the exhaust constituents measured and for each driving cycle performed.

TABLE 1 Emissions Test Results

Driving Cycle	Manhattan	Orange County Bus	UDDS
CO_2, gm/mi	1,516	1,188	1,025
CO, gm/mi	0.12	1.39	2.88
THC, gm/mi	0.12	0.07	0.13
NMHC, gm/mi	NA	NA	NA
NO_x, gm/mi	0.03	0.08	0.08
Particulates. gm/mi	NA	NA	NA
Fuel consumption mpg	5.68	7.25	8.38

FUEL ECONOMY/EMISSIONS PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-10-11	SLW (lbs): 12,210
Personnel: B.L., E.D. & E.L.		

FUEL SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Install fuel measurement system	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Replace fuel filter	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Check for fuel leaks	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Specify fuel type (refer to fuel analysis)	Gasoline		
Remarks: None noted.			
BRAKES/TIRES	OK	Date	Initials
Inspect hoses	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Inspect brakes	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Relube wheel bearings	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Check tire inflation pressures (mfg. specs.)	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Remarks: None noted.			
COOLING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check hoses and connections	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Check system for coolant leaks	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY/EMISSIONS PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 2)

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-10-11
Personnel: B.L., E.D. & E.L.	

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	OK	Date	Initials
Check battery	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Inspect wiring	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Inspect terminals	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Check lighting	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
DRIVE SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Drain transmission fluid	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Replace filter/gasket	✓	3/10/11	B.L.
Check hoses and connections	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace transmission fluid	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Check for fluid leaks	✓	3/10/11	E.l.
Remarks: None noted.			
LUBRICATION	OK	Date	Initials
Drain crankcase oil	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace filters	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace crankcase oil	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Check for oil leaks	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Check oil level	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Lube all chassis grease fittings	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Lube universal joints	✓	3/10/11	E.L.
Replace differential lube including axles	✓	3/10/11	E.D.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 3)

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-10-11
Personnel: B.L., E.D. & E.L.	

EXHAUST/EMISSION SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check for exhaust leaks	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
ENGINE	**OK**	**Date**	**Initials**
Replace air filter	✓	3-10-11	E.L.
Inspect air compressor and air system	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Inspect vacuum system, if applicable	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Check and adjust all drive belts	✓	3-10-11	E.D.
Check cold start assist, if applicable	✓	3-10-11	E.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
STEERING SYSTEM	**OK**	**Date**	**Initials**
Check power steering hoses and connectors	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Service fluid level	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Check power steering operation	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			
	OK	**Date**	**Initials**
Ballast bus to seated load weight	✓	3-10-11	E.L.
TEST DRIVE	**OK**	**Date**	**Initials**
Check brake operation	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Check transmission operation	✓	3-10-11	B.L.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST INSPECTION FORM

Bus Number: 1106	Date: 3-25-11
Personnel: B.G., S.C. & T.S.	

PRE WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form is complete	T.S.
Cold tire pressure (psi): Front 75 Middle N/A Rear 80	T.S.
Tire wear:	S.C.
Engine oil level	B.G.
Engine coolant level	B.G.
Interior and exterior lights on, evaporator fan on	B.G.
Fuel economy instrumentation installed and working properly.	S.C.
Fuel line -- no leaks or kinks	T.S.
Speed measuring system installed on bus. Speed indicator installed in front of bus and accessible to TECH and Driver.	T.S.
Bus is loaded to SLW	S.C. & T.S.
WARM-UP	**If OK, Initial**
Bus driven for at least one hour warm-up	B.G.
No extensive or black smoke from exhaust	T.S.
POST WARM-UP	**If OK, Initial**
Warm tire pressure (psi): Front 75 Middle N/A Rear 80	T.S.
Environmental conditions Average wind speed <12 mph and maximum gusts <15 mph Ambient temperature between 30°F(-1C°) and 90°F(32°C) Track surface is dry Track is free of extraneous material and clear of interfering traffic	T.S.