

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

BUS TESTING PROGRAM

PHASE-IN OF TESTING OF SMALL VEHICLES

Subcategories of Five and Four Year Buses

1. Unmodified Mass-Produced Vans

This subcategory consists of vehicles that are manufactured as complete, fully assembled vehicles as provided by the original equipment manufacturer (OEM). The subcategory includes vans with raised roofs, and/or wheelchair lifts or ramps that are installed by the OEM, or by a party other than the OEM, provided that the installation of these components is completed in strict conformance with the OEM modification guidelines.

→ Vehicles in this subcategory are not subject to the bus testing requirements.

2. Vehicles Built from Unmodified Mass-Produced Chassis

This subcategory consists of vehicles that are manufactured from incomplete partially assembled chassis as provided by an OEM to a secondary small bus manufacturer. This subcategory includes vehicles whose chassis structure either has not been modified or has been modified in strict conformance with the OEM's modification guidelines. The addition of a tandem or tag axle would exclude a bus model from this subcategory.

Vehicles in this subcategory are subject to the bus testing requirements.

3. Vehicles Manufactured from Modified Mass-Produced Chassis or Vans

This subcategory consists of vehicles that are manufactured from incomplete partially assembled chassis or vans as provided by an OEM to a secondary small bus manufacturer. This subcategory includes vehicles whose chassis structure has been modified to include the addition of a tandem or tag axle; the installation of a drop or lowered floor, changes to the GVWR from the OEM rating or other modifications that are not made in strict conformance with the OEM's modifications guidelines.

Vehicles in this subcategory are subject to the bus testing requirements.

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