

## Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement Branch

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### Vehicle Inspection Compliance & Enforcement

# **NOTICE**

**To All Authorized Inspectors (AI) and Designated Inspection Facilities (DIF)**

### **Re: Amendment of Bus / School Bus Passenger Seat Inspection Criteria**

CVSE has determined that the Vehicle Inspection Manual criteria may not provide the required clarity to ensure accurate inspections respecting bus passenger seats.

Effective immediately, the Vehicle Inspection Manual (2010) Bus/School Bus Section 8 – Body - Inspection item 19 – Passenger seats criteria has been replaced with the following:

<p><b><u>19. Passenger Seats</u></b></p> <p>Additional Inspection Procedures: Manually check the condition and security of each passenger seat.</p> <p>For manufactured vehicles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) passenger seat location and position must be in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Canada) or FMVSS; and</li> <li>2) seating capacity must be in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Canada) or FMVSS</li> </ol>	<p>Reject if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) seat location or position not in compliance with standards</li> <li>2) seating capacity exceeds maximum number indicated by the vehicle primary or secondary manufacture</li> </ol>
<p>a) frame and mounting</p>	<p>a) broken, loose or not securely attached to the floor or wall as required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not facing front or rear [SCHOOL BUS ONLY]</li> </ul>
<p>b) seating surface</p>	<p>b) covering material is torn, exposing the seat base or springs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Padding or energy absorbing material thickness is reduced by more than 25%, over and aggregated area greater than 10% of the seating surface</li> <li>- a tear in the covering is longer than</li> </ul>

	75 mm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- covering has a hole, or covering is missing, where the longest measurement across the area is more than 100 mm</li> <li>- seat bottom is not secured to the frame with a minimum of two clamps, located at the front of the seat and positioned around the frame tubing and attached to the seat with a minimum of one self-tapping screw per clamp or equivalent [SCHOOL BUS ONLY]</li> </ul>
c) seatback and barrier surface	c) loose or missing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A tear in the covering is longer than 75 mm</li> <li>- covering has a hole, or covering is missing, where the longest measurement across the area is more than 50 mm</li> <li>- energy absorbing material is reduced thickness by more than 25%, with the longest measurement across the area is more than 75 mm</li> </ul>
d) seat spacing [SCHOOL BUS ONLY]	d) exceed 737 mm (29 in.) center to center
	<b>OUT OF SERVICE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>seat frame not bolted to floor</b></li> </ul>

Vehicle seating capacity must not exceed maximum number indicated by the vehicle primary or secondary manufacture.

Designated Inspection Facility's and Authorized Inspectors must ensure all inspections are in accordance with standards. Any vehicle improperly inspected may result in enforcement action.

Should you have any further questions please contact Geoff Ford, VIP Program Advisor at [Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca) or by phone at 250-953-4039.

Regards,



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