Department of Public Safety
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
Motor Vehicle Inspection Division

Safety Inspection Guide: School Buses

The following safety items are to be included in the safety inspection of all school buses in the state of Missouri:

◊ *Air Pollution* - Missing, Inoperative, Other
◊ *Brakes* - Air Compressor, Emergency/Park, Hoses/Lines, Low Warning Device, Master Cylinder, Pedal Reserve, Vacuum Unit, Other
◊ *Bumpers* - Damaged, Missing, Other
◊ *Crossing Control Arm* - Inoperable, Missing
◊ *Emergency Doors & Exits* - Buzzer, Lettering, Operation, Passageway, Other
◊ *Exhaust System* - Exhaust Pipe, Manifold, Muffler, Supporting Hardware, Tail Pipe, Other
◊ *Frame* - Visible Cracks Not Properly Repaired
◊ *Fuel System* - Filler Cap Missing, Leaking, Other
◊ *Glazing* - Emergency Door, Service Door, Side Glasses, Windshield, Other
◊ *Hand Hold Grips/Handrails* - Damaged/Missing, Improper Mount, Other
◊ *Heating & Defrosting* - Defrosters, Heaters, Other
◊ *Horn* - Operation, Other
◊ *Lettering & Signs* - Color, Lettering, Other
◊ *Lighting & Signaling* - Clearance Lights, Headlights, Identification Lights, Reflectors, Side Marker Lights, Stop Arm Lights, Stoplights, Taillights, Turn Signal Lights, Overhead Warning Flashers, Other
◊ *Miscellaneous* - Body Condition, Bus Color, Passenger Compartment Condition, Other
◊ *Mirrors* - Convex Crossview, Exterior Rearview, Interior Rearview, Other
◊ *Seat Belt (Driver)* - Inoperative, Missing, Retractor Missing, Other
◊ *Seats* - Mounting, Condition, Other
◊ *Service Door* - Flexible Material, Operation, Other
◊ *Steering & Suspension* - Ball Joints, Drag Link, Idler Arm, Jamming/ Binding, King Pins, Pitman Arm, Power Steering, Springs, Shackles, Steering Wheel Play, Tie Rods, Torsion Bar, Wheel Play, Wheel Bearings, Other
◊ *Tires* - Damaged, Worn, Other
◊ *Treads and Mats* - Aisle Mats/Runners, Step Treads, Other
◊ *Wheels* - Damaged, Missing Lug Nut(s), Other
◊ *Windshield Wipers* - Operation, Wearing, Other