

Title 11
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
Subtitle 14 MOTOR VEHICLE
ADMINISTRATION — VEHICLE
INSPECTIONS

11.14.04 Safety Standards for Trucks, Truck Tractors, Commercial Buses, and Type I School Vehicles

Authority: Transportation Article, § 12-104(b), 23-101-23-105, and 24-106.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

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.14 Interior and Emergency Equipment — Applicable to School Vehicles Only.

A. Seats, Stanchions, Rails.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
(1) Seats and Seat Belts: (a) Inspect seats for secure anchorage to floor; (b) Inspect seats for condition of frames, springs, and cover material; (c) Inspect driver's and occupant's seat belt webbing for fraying, splitting, tearing, malfunctioning buckles; loose, damaged, or missing anchorages or damaged or weakened floor pan; (d) Inspect for torn or broken interior metal trim, etc., which may present a hazard to occupants.	(1) (a) Any seat anchor bolts are not securely fastened to floor or side mounting rail. (b) Cover material is torn, springs are exposed, seat frame is loose, cracked or broken. (c) Driver's seat belt is missing. (d) Seat belt webbing is frayed, split or torn. (e) Buckles do not operate properly. (f) Belt anchorages are loose, badly corroded, or not fastened to belt. (g) Belt mounting surfaces are badly deformed, damaged, or corroded. (h) Floor pans are damaged or weakened at anchorage. (i) Occupant's seat belts are missing when required.
(2) Stanchions and Guard Rails (when applicable): Inspect all stanchions, guard rails, grab handles, etc., for tightness, mounting, and general condition.	(2) (a) Looseness is detected, or fastening parts are missing, broken, or cracked. (b) Cover material or padding is torn (when applicable).

B. Visors and Defroster. Sun visors shall be located in front and above the driver and passenger positions.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
(1) Sun Visors: Inspect sun visor for loose, missing or broken parts which would prevent it from being adjusted, or holding an adjustment.	(1) (a) Visor is missing. (b) Visor on driver's side cannot be positioned to protect driver's eyes from sun. (c) Visor is difficult to adjust or will not maintain a set adjustment.
(2) Windshield Defroster: Inspect for presence and proper functioning of windshield	(2) Windshield and defroster defogger is missing or fails to function properly.

defroster. The device and/or auxiliary fans, etc., shall keep windshield, window at driver's left, and glass in service door clear.	
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C. Heaters, Step or Stepwell, and Vents.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
(1) Interior Heaters: (a) Inspect heater or heaters for capability of maintaining inside temperature of 50°F at minimum average January outside temperature. (b) Inspect for leakage and general condition of heating system including heater hoses, tubing, shielding, valves, and controls.	(1) (a) Heater cannot maintain a temperature of 50°F at minimum average January outside temperature. (b) Leakage or malfunction of heating system is detected. (c) Interior heater or pipes are not properly shielded. (d) Cut off valve in engine compartment is not present.
(2) Step or Stepwell: Inspect general condition of step or stepwell at all door entrances. (3) Ventilation: Check for function and general condition of ventilating system.	(2) (a) Step or stepwell is blocked or cluttered, or surface material is loose. (b) Light for the stepwell is missing or fails to function. (c) Step or stepwell is not covered with nonskid material.
	(3) System fails to furnish fresh air under operating conditions.

D. Fire Extinguisher, First Aid Kit, and Tire Chains. Every school vehicle shall be equipped with a dry chemical fire extinguisher, and first aid kit container mounted in plain view in the driver's compartment, and where applicable, tire chains.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
(1) Fire Extinguisher: (a) Inspect for presence, location, condition, and accessibility of the fire extinguisher. Every school vehicle shall be equipped with a nontoxic dry chemical fire extinguisher having a rating of at least 5lb./10B.C. and equipped with a gauge.	(1) Extinguisher: (a) Is missing; (b) Seal is broken; (c) Is not readily accessible to driver; (d) Gauge shows low-reading.
(2) First Aid Kit: Inspect for presence, accessibility, and general condition of first aid kit. It shall be readily identifiable and contain at least the following: (a) Four adhesive bandages; (b) Four adhesive tapes—1 inch by 5 yards; (c) One bandage compress—2 inches by 48 inches; (d) Four bandage compresses—4 inches by 4 inches; (e) Two gauze compresses—3 inches by 3 inches; (f) Three gauze compresses—24 inches by 72 inches; (g) Two triangular bandages—40 inches; (h) One gauze bandage—2 inches by 6 yards; (i) One wire splint; (j) Two tourniquets; (k) One pair of forceps; (l) One pair of scissors; (m) Unit kit—empty.	(2) First aid kit contents: (a) Are missing; (b) Are not readily accessible; (c) Package seals are broken; (d) Not readily identifiable.
(3) Tire Chains: When tire chains are required, inspect for presence and condition of tire chains.	(3) Tire chains: (a) Are missing, when required; (b) Are not serviceable; (c) Are not proper size.

E. Warning Devices.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
Inspect for presence, condition, and accessibility of: (1) At least three red electric lanterns or three red emergency reflectors which meet Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety Standards;	Warning devices: (1) Are missing, do not function as designed, or are not of an approved type; (2) Are improperly stored; (3) Are not readily accessible.
(2) At least three red-burning fuses, 30-minute stand-up type, stored in a canister near the driver.	

F. Color.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
Color—Inspect for proper color:	Colors do not match standard.
(1) Body—National School Bus Yellow;	
(2) Lettering, body trim, and bumpers shall be black. Bumpers may be covered with a retroreflective material.	

G. Signs and Lettering.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
Signs and Lettering—Inspect for Lettering:	
(1) "SCHOOL BUS" front and rear (8 inch by 1 inch stroke black lettering mounted as high as possible);	(1) When required, are missing, illegible, or obscured. (2) Are not proper size or color .
(2) "EMERGENCY DOOR OR EXIT" inside and outside (2 inch by 3/8 inch stroke black lettering, mounted directly above the door or on the door above the glass);	(3) Are not located as required or permitted.
(3) Operation of Emergency Door or Exit Latch (6 inch black arrow by 3/4 inch stroke indicating direction to release door or exit, inside and outside);	
(4) "STOP ON SIGNAL" when required (4 inch by 3/4 inch stroke black lettering below rear window);	
(5) <i>Side Emergency Windows (if equipped):</i> (a) <i>"EMERGENCY EXIT" (2 inch by 3/8 inch stroke black lettering, mounted directly above the emergency exit on both the inside and outside surfaces of the bus);</i> (b) <i>Operating instructions necessary to unlatch and open emergency exit shall be in letters of a color that contrasts with its background and located within 6 inches of the release mechanism on the inside surface of the vehicle (A decal containing the instructions may be placed on the window. For buses manufactured after July 31, 2009, the decal shall be transparent except for the lettering.);</i>	
(6) <i>Rear Emergency Window (if equipped):</i> (a) <i>"EMERGENCY EXIT" (at least 2 inch by 3/8 inch stroke black lettering, mounted above the window on the inside of the vehicle and above or below the window on the outside of the vehicle);</i> (b) <i>Operating instructions necessary to unlatch and open emergency exit shall be in letters of a color that contrasts with its background and located within 6 inches of the release mechanism on the inside and outside surface of the</i>	

<p><i>vehicle (Decals containing the instructions may be placed on the window. For buses manufactured after July 31, 2009, the decal shall be transparent except for the lettering.);</i></p>	
<p>(7) Roof Vent/Emergency Exit: (a) "EMERGENCY EXIT" (in letters at least 2 inches high, of a color that contrasts with its background and located on an inside and outside surface of the exit, or within 12 inches of the roof exit opening); (b) Operating instructions necessary to unlatch and open emergency exit shall be in letters of a color that contrasts with its background and located within 6 inches of the release mechanism on the inside and outside surface of the vehicle.</p>	

H. Retro-Reflective Tape.

<p>Retro-Reflective Tape: Each opening for a required emergency exit on a school vehicle manufactured after May 2, 1994 shall be outlined around its outside perimeter with yellow retro-reflective tape having a minimum width of 1 inch.</p>	<p>Retro-reflective tape: (1) Is missing when required, or is loose, defective or obscured; (2) Is not the proper size or color; (3) Is not located as required.</p>
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I. Identification. Inspect for presence, size, and condition of required or permitted identification.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
<p>(1) Required: (a) Vehicles owned by local Boards of Education: (i) Name of school system (both sides of vehicle 6-1/2 inches high by 1 inch stroke), (ii) Identification number (all four sides 6 inches high by 3/4 inch stroke visible directly from the front, rear, and each side);</p>	<p>Identification: (1) When required, is missing, illegible, or obscured; (2) Is not proper size; (3) Is not located where required or permitted; (4) Is not required or permitted.</p>
<p>(b) Vehicles contracted to local Boards of Education: (i) Contractor's name (to rear of entrance door 3 inches high by 1/2 inch stroke in a 16 inch x 30 inch area), (ii) Identification number (all four sides 6 inches high by 3/4 inch stroke visible directly from the front, rear, and each side);</p>	
<p>(c) All other vehicles: (i) Owner's name (to rear of entrance door 3 inches high by 1/2 inch stroke), (ii) Identification number (all four sides 6 inches high by 3/4 inch stroke visible directly from the front, rear, and each side).</p>	
<p>(2) Permitted: (a) ICC number (to rear of entrance door 3 inches high by 1/2 inch stroke); (b) Address of owner (to rear of entrance door 3 inches high by 1/2 inch stroke); (c) Telephone number of owner (to rear of entrance door 3 inches high by 1/2 inch stroke).</p>	

.16 Vehicle Glazing.

A. Safety glazing *material* is marked with the manufacturer's *distinctive designation or trademark, model number* and the letters "AS" followed by a number from 1 through *16 B, which indicates where the glazing may be used on the vehicle.* Safety glazing *material* also has *the symbol "DOT" (Department of Transportation) and a manufacturer's code mark that the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) assigns to the manufacturer.* Any questions regarding glazing shall be referred to the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the *Department of State Police.*

B. Proper Marking and Operation.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
<p>(1) Proper Marking: Inspect <i>glazing material</i> for proper markings. <i>The following is a brief list of "AS" markings and applications.</i> <i>Safety glazing material marked:</i> (a) <i>AS-1 is used in the windshield and may be used anywhere in a motor vehicle.</i> (b) <i>AS-2 may be used anywhere in a motor vehicle except for the windshield.</i> (c) <i>AS-3 may be used in windows to the rear of the driver in trucks, truck tractors, buses and multipurpose passenger vehicles. The vehicle must be equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</i> (d) <i>AS-10 may be used where bullet resistance is required anywhere in a motor vehicle including the windshield.</i></p>	<p>(1) Improper or unmarked glazing materials are used for specific positions.</p>
<p>(2) Window on Driver's Side: Inspect operation of window at driver's side. Window shall open <i>and close</i> readily even though the vehicle has approved turn signals.</p>	<p>(2) Window on driver's side <i>does not open and close as designed</i> to permit arm signals.</p>
<p>(3) Side Windows, <i>Emergency Window Exits, and Roof Vent/Emergency Exits</i> (school vehicles only): (a) <i>Side Windows.</i> (i) <i>Open and close each passenger compartment side window and inspect for proper operation.</i> (ii) <i>Inspect passenger compartment side windows for unframed exposed edges of glass.</i> (b) <i>Side Emergency Windows (if equipped).</i> (i) <i>Inspect inside release mechanism.</i> (ii) <i>Check operation.</i> (iii) <i>Check function of audible signal.</i> (c) <i>Rear Emergency Window (if equipped).</i> (i) <i>Inspect inside and outside release mechanism.</i> (ii) <i>Check operation.</i> (iii) <i>Check function of audible signal.</i> (d) <i>Roof Vent/Emergency Exit.</i></p>	<p>(3) <i>Side Windows, Emergency Window Exits, and Roof Vent/Emergency Exits (school vehicles only):</i> (a) <i>Side Windows.</i> (i) <i>Any side window fails to function as designed.</i> (ii) <i>Any exposed edges of glass are not framed or framing is loose or broken.</i> (b) <i>Side Emergency Windows (if equipped).</i> (i) <i>Window release mechanism is loose or broken.</i> (ii) <i>Window will not operate properly.</i> (iii) <i>Audible signal fails to function in driver's compartment and indicate to the seated driver when the engine is running a distinctive audible signal when release mechanism is moved, or sounds continuously when release mechanism is latched.</i> (c) <i>Rear Emergency Window (if equipped).</i> (i) <i>Window release mechanism is loose or broken.</i> (ii) <i>Window will not operate properly.</i></p>

<p>(i) Inspect release mechanism. (ii) Check operation. (iii) If equipped, check function of audible signal.</p>	<p>(iii) Audible signal fails to function in driver's compartment and indicate to the seated driver when the engine is running a distinctive audible signal when release mechanism is moved, or sounds continuously when release mechanism is latched.</p> <p>(d) Roof Vent/Emergency Exit. (i) Release mechanism is loose or broken. (ii) Fails to operate properly. (iii) Audible signal, if equipped, fails to function in driver's compartment and indicate to the seated driver when the engine is running a distinctive audible signal when release mechanism is moved, or sounds continuously when release mechanism is latched.</p>
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C. Signs and Materials on Windshield or Windows. Inspect all glazing for unauthorized material or conditions that obscure the driver's vision.

Procedures:	Reject Vehicle If:
<p>(1) Except as provided in §C(2) of this regulation, a vehicle may not be equipped with any sign, poster, card, sticker, or other nontransparent material on the windshield, side wings, or side or rear windows of the vehicle.</p> <p>(2) This does not apply to: (a) Materials placed on the windshield or rear window, within a 7 inch square area in the lower corner, or on the side windows of the vehicle to the rear of the driver, if the materials are placed so as not to interfere with the driver's clear view of traffic; (b) Direction, destination, or termini signs on any passenger common carrier motor vehicle; (c) An electronic toll collection device placed in the windshield of a vehicle in accordance with guidelines established by the Maryland Transportation Authority; or (d) Security stickers authorized by a federal or State government agency that measure not more than 2 inches high and not more than 4 inches long, and are placed at the upper edge of the center of the windshield.</p> <p>(3) All vehicles equipped with permitted signs, posters, cards, stickers or other nontransparent materials on windows to the rear of the driver must be equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</p>	<p>(1) (a) Glazed surfaces contain any sign, poster, card, decal, sticker, or other nontransparent material in violation of this regulation. (b) Driver's vision is obscured. (c) Equipped with permitted signs, posters, cards, stickers, or other nontransparent materials on windows to the rear of the driver and not equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</p>

D. Post Manufacture Window Tinting.

Procedures:	Reject Vehicle If:
<p>(1) Inspect all glazing for the application of post manufacture window tint. The following post manufacture window tint is prohibited on any window or windshield of any vehicle. Window tint that:</p>	<p>(1) Any glazing contains post manufacture window tint that causes a mirrored or one-way vision effect, a sparkling effect, is a prohibited color, or changes to a prohibited color.</p>

<p><i>(a) Has a mirrored or one-way vision effect or a sparkling effect;</i> <i>(b) Is red, yellow, or amber in color; or</i> <i>(c) Changes to a red, yellow, or amber color.</i></p>	
<p><i>(2) Post manufacture window tint is prohibited on the following vehicles in the listed locations:</i> <i>(a) The application of post manufacture window tint to the windshield or windows to the immediate right and left of the driver is prohibited on the following vehicles:</i> <i>(i) Trucks, truck tractors and buses;</i> <i>(ii) Multipurpose passenger vehicles which have a seating capacity for 16 or more passengers including the driver, or were previously registered as a school vehicle or a passenger bus, and used to primarily transport passengers, or used in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise; and</i> <i>(iii) Limousines.</i> <i>(b) Windows of these vehicles to the rear of the driver may be tinted with post manufacture window tint to any degree of darkness provided the vehicle is equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</i></p>	<p><i>(2)</i> <i>(a) Post manufacture window tint is applied to glazing in violation of this regulation.</i> <i>(b) Equipped with permitted post manufacture window tint on any side or rear window and is not equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</i></p>
<p><i>(3) Post manufacture window tint is prohibited on all windows and windshield of a school vehicle.</i></p>	<p><i>(3) Post manufacture window tint is applied to glazing in violation of this regulation.</i></p>
<p><i>(4) Post manufacture window tint is acceptable on the following vehicles in the listed locations:</i> <i>(a) All other multipurpose passenger vehicles.</i> <i>(i) All side windows of these vehicles to the immediate right and left of the driver are regulated windows requiring at least 35 percent light transmittance after the application of post manufacture window tint.</i> <i>(ii) Windshield. Post manufacture window tint may not be applied to the windshield below the ASI line or below 5 inches from the top of the windshield, whichever is less.</i> <i>(iii) Windows of these vehicles to the rear of the driver may be tinted with post manufacture window tint to any degree of darkness.</i> <i>(iv) When equipped with permitted post manufacture window tint on any side or rear window, the vehicle must be equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</i> <i>(b) Inspect the light transmittance of each vehicle window equipped with post manufacture window tint and required to have at least 35 percent light transmittance after the application of post manufacture window tint.</i></p>	<p><i>(4)</i> <i>(a) Post manufacture window tint is applied to glazing in violation of this regulation.</i> <i>(b) Equipped with permitted post manufacture window tint on any side or rear window and is not equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</i></p>
<p><i>(5) Tint Manufacturer's Labels (if equipped): Tint manufacturer's labels may not be of a size or positioned in a manner that affects the driver's vision</i></p>	<p><i>(5) Tint manufacturer label, if equipped, is of a size or positioned in a manner that affects the driver's vision or obscures the glazing</i></p>

<i>or obscures the glazing manufacturer's trademark or AS indicator.</i>	<i>manufacturer's trademark or AS indicator.</i>
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(6) Medical Exemption. *(Applicable only to multipurpose passenger vehicles noted in §D(4) of this regulation.)*

Transportation Article, §22-406, Annotated Code of Maryland, provides an exemption for a person who must be protected from the sun for medical reasons from having a light transmittance of at least 35 percent on regulated windows equipped with post manufacture window tint. The law requires the owner to have, in the vehicle at the time the vehicle is stopped by a police officer, a written certification that details the owner's medical need for tinted windows, from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State. A vehicle owner whose vehicle is undergoing an inspection, or has been issued a safety equipment repair order for defect #61 "TINT", and indicates to the authorized inspection station their compliance with a medical exemption, shall be referred to the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the Department of State Police for examination of the vehicle owner's medical documentation and the vehicle's post manufacture window tint. If the owner meets the requirements specified in Transportation Article, §22-406, Annotated Code of Maryland, for the medical exemption and the vehicle is compliant with all post manufacture window tinting regulations in this chapter, excluding the light transmittance requirement of regulated windows equipped with post manufacture window tint, the Division, when applicable, shall be authorized to:

(a) Issue a post manufacture window tint medical exemption form to be provided to the authorized inspection station performing an inspection of the vehicle which shall permit the registered inspection mechanic to exempt the vehicle's windows equipped with post manufacture window tint from meeting the light transmittance requirement; or

(b) Certify the safety equipment repair order for defect #61 "TINT".

E. Definitions.

(1) "Acute area" means the windshield area 8 inches wide by 5 inches high, located directly in front of the driver, centered vertically on the steering wheel of the vehicle and horizontally in the center of the critical area.

(2) "Cloudiness" means any degree of visible discoloration or separation, except tinting that does not affect clear vision.

(3) "Critical area" means the normal windshield wiper sweep, except the area obscured by *the* hood, fenders, or rearview mirror.

(4) "Discoloration" means a condition which impairs the transparency of the glazing.

(5) "Non-critical area" means all windshield area outside the critical area.

(6) "Normal windshield wiper sweep" means the area of *the* windshield cleaned by the windshield wiper, excluding *the* return position on both passenger's and driver's sides.

F. Glazing Damage.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
<i>(1) Inspect all windows for modification, damage, sharp edges, and discoloration of the glazing.</i>	<p><i>(1)</i></p> <p><i>(a) Any window is missing, modified, broken or has exposed sharp edges.</i></p> <p><i>(b) There are cracks, discoloration, scratches, or conditions which interfere with the driver's view to the right or left.</i></p> <p><i>(c) The rear window is discolored so that the driver does not have a clear view 200 feet to the rear of the vehicle.</i></p> <p><i>(d) The driver's view to the rear is obscured or obstructed and the vehicle is not equipped with an outside rearview mirror on each side.</i></p>
<i>(2) Windshield: Inspect windshield for modification and any cracks, nicks, pits, chips, star breaks, half moons or bull's-eye fractures, discoloration, sharp</i>	<p><i>(2) Windshield:</i></p> <p><i>(a) Is missing or has been modified.</i></p> <p><i>(b) Driver's Side:</i></p>

edges, and wiper blade scratches.

(i) Cloudiness exceeds 1 inch from the top or side or 1 inch into the critical area from the bottom. If the windshield is divided, the cloudiness may not exceed 1/2 inch from the center divider.

(ii) Acute area contains any one crack, nick, pit, chip, star break, half moon or bull's-eye fracture in excess of 1/4 inch in diameter or length, or any combination of individual cracks, nicks, pits, chips, star breaks, half moons or bull's-eye fractures which cumulatively exceed 1/4 inch in diameter or length, or any permanent condition which significantly interferes with the driver's vision.

(iii) Critical area contains wiper blade scratches which are severe enough to distort vision, or any one crack, nick, pit, chip, star break, half moon or bull's-eye fracture in excess of 1/2 inch in diameter or length, or any combination of individual cracks, nicks, pits, chips, star breaks, half moons or bull's-eye fractures which cumulatively exceed 1/2 inch in diameter or length, or any permanent condition which significantly interferes with the driver's vision except in the permitted cloudy area.

(iv) Non-critical area contains any intersecting cracks or any one crack or combination of individual cracks extending inward more than 2 inches separately or cumulatively from the outer frame on flat or curved windshields or over 4 inches on wraparound windshields, or any one crack, nick, pit, chip, star break, half moon or bull's-eye fracture in excess of 3/4 inch in diameter or length, or any combination of individual cracks, nicks, pits, chips, star breaks, half moons or bull's-eye fractures which cumulatively exceed 3/4 inch in diameter or length, or any permanent condition which significantly interferes with the driver's vision except in the permitted cloudy area.

(c) Passenger Side:

(i) Cloudiness exceeds 2 inches from the top or side or extends more than 2 inches into the critical area from the bottom. If the windshield is divided, the cloudiness may not exceed 1/2 inch from the center divider.

(ii) Critical area contains wiper blade scratches which are severe enough to distort vision, or any one crack, nick, pit, chip, star break, half moon or bull's-eye fracture in excess of 1/2 inch in diameter or length, or any combination of individual cracks, nicks, pits, chips, star breaks, half moons or bull's-eye fractures which cumulatively exceed 1/2 inch in diameter or length, or any permanent condition which significantly interferes with the driver's vision except in the permitted cloudy area.

(iii) Non-critical area contains any intersecting cracks or any one crack or combination of individual cracks extending inward more than 4

inches separately or cumulatively from the outer frame on flat or curved windshields or over 6 inches on wraparound windshields, or any one crack, nick, pit, chip, star break, half moon or bull's-eye fracture in excess of 1 1/2 inches in diameter or length, or any combination of individual cracks, nicks, pits, chips, star breaks, half moons or bull's-eye fractures which cumulatively exceed 1 1/2 inches in diameter or length, or any permanent condition which significantly interferes with the driver's vision except in the permitted cloudy area.

Figure 32—VEHICLE GLAZING.

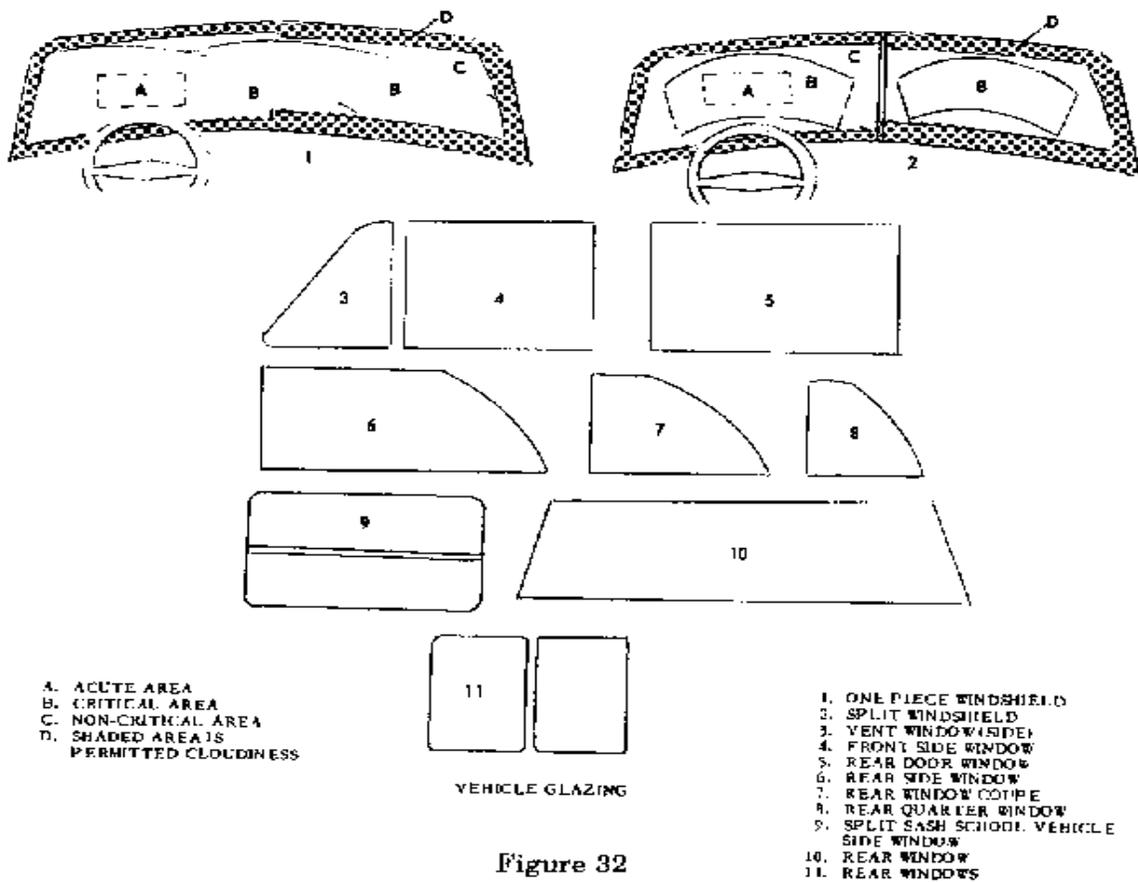


Figure 32

.19 Doors, Handles, and Latches.

A. Inspection of doors, handles, latches, and hinges applies to all vehicles originally manufactured with doors and all other vehicles which are equipped doors.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
(1) Inspect all doors, latches, hinges, and handles for broken or missing parts, proper operation, and improper adjustment (open and close doors). Electric push button or ring and cable means of opening the door are acceptable provided they are readily accessible.	(1) Doors or door parts are missing, broken, or sagging so that the door cannot be tightly closed. (2) Latch or handle not original equipment or equivalent. (3) Door handle and latch do not provide a means of readily opening door. (4) Secondary or safety catch does not function properly.

B. Doors—Service, Emergency (applicable to school vehicles only). Service doors may be split-type, sedan-type, or jackknife-type with vertical closing edges covered with flexible material.

<i>Procedures:</i>	<i>Reject Vehicle If:</i>
(1) Service Door: (a) From driver's position, inspect function of opening and closing operation; (b) If door is equipped with a lock, determine if engine will start with door locked; check operation of audiovisual alarm with door locked; (c) Inspect condition of flexible material on vertical closing edges (when applicable).	(1) Service Door: (a) Power or manual opening and closing device shows evidence of binding, jamming, excessive wear, or malfunction; (b) Door is equipped with a lock and engine starts with door locked or audiovisual alarm fails to function with door locked and ignition switch on; (c) Flexible material is loose, torn, or missing (when applicable).
(2) Emergency Door: (a) Inspect for clear passageway to door; (b) Inspect inside and outside quick release mechanism; (c) Check length of stroke on slide bar or cam operated lock; (d) Check function of buzzer indicating door is not fully closed; (e) Inspect emergency red identification light (if equipped); (f) Inspect emergency door gaskets.	(2) Emergency Door: (a) Passageway to emergency door is blocked or restricted in any manner to less than 12 inches wide; (b) Door release mechanism fails to release when activated from inside and outside of the bus or if it opens without activating a release; (c) Latch will not hold the door tightly closed; (d) Slide bar has less than 1 inch stroke length; (e) Buzzer fails to function in driver's compartment and indicate to the seated driver when the engine is running a distinctive audible signal when slide bar is moved; (f) Red identification light fails to function when the headlamps or parking lamps are activated; (g) Gaskets are torn, loose, or missing.