



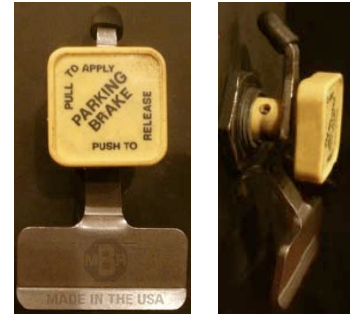
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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WSP/OSPI Inspection Interpretations (December 2011)

1) Brake Release:

- a. The PP1 spring break application release aid lever is allowed (**Maxie name-brand ONLY**).
- b. Vehicle Securement switches are now being installed on OEM buses.
- c. A company named Safety Brake Set offers a system called "Easy Set System". PP1 valve activation system meets the state specification for Vehicle Securement.
- d. The Safety Brake Sets "Brake Alert System" which warns the driver when the spring brake is not set is also allowed.



2) Crossing Control Arm:

- a. There is no requirement that the Crossing Control Arm extends at a 90-degree angle, only that it must extend at least 5' 6" from the bumper.

3) Fuel Door Latches (Mouse-Ears):

- a. Could constitute a snagging hazard. Ask vendor or district to remove "ears."

4) Head Start Labeling:

- a. Some Federal Head Start auditors have interpreted their rules in a way that may cause districts to label the location of the safety equipment (first aid, belt cutter, fire extinguisher). Please allow the labeling if it is appropriately attached and reasonable in size.

5) Inspection Timeframes:

- a. Summer: 3/15—8/31; Winter: 11/1—3/14; districts should archive each fall.

6) Lift Padding:

- a. Lifts are required to be padded (p. 49, #5). A full padded cover is not required. Unpadded lifts = UNSAT.
- b. If a blanket cover is being used, it must remain in place at all times when lift is not in use.





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7) Loose Items:

- a. Towel or air cushion on the driver's seat is OK. Kleenex box secured on the dash is OK.

8) Eight-light System Lights:

- a. If one light in the eight-light system is not operating, it is an out-of-service item. Lights alternately flash at 140 times per min. One light can't meet this requirement.
- b. The hood over the eight lights are not required if the lens is recessed or flush with the body.

9) Seat Belt Buckle Cover:

- a. Not allowed. They are an aftermarket component and are not FMVSS tested

10) Roof Air Conditioning:

- a. The condenser unit for passenger compartment air conditioning is allowed on the top of the bus. The evaporators must be in the bulkhead as described in the specification manual. No protuberances are allowed thru the roof.

11) Zonar Inspection Reports

- a. Inspectors should be aware that texting comments into the 2010 handheld automatically generates an "Unsat".
- b. Individual inspection reports can be condensed to one page only by clicking the "paper" icon in the EVIR column on the "Inspections" page. However, only one report at a time can be done in this manner.
- c. The customer asset tags supplied by Zonar (for those districts employing the Zonar system for daily inspections) will not work to identify the bus during a WSP inspection and the WSP inspection will fall into a "failed inspection" category. Districts are NOT to remove the yellow inspection asset tags supplied by either WSP or OSPI. School districts that are Zonar product users should take care to specifically identify the yellow WSP inspection asset tags ("WSP" with a Sharpie will suffice) when placing customer tags near yellow WSP inspection asset tags.

12) Hydraulic Brake

- a. Buses bid or ordered after September 1 2011, may have hydraulic brakes even if over 230" inside measurement.

