

PARTIAL
STURAA TEST
10 YEAR
350,000 MILE BUS
from
THOMAS BUILT BUSES, INC.
MODEL 1108N
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thomas Built Buses Inc. submitted a model 1108N, diesel-powered 27 seat (including the driver) 32-foot bus, for a partial STURAA test in the 10 yr/350,000 mile category. The Federal Transit Administration determined that the following tests would be performed: 6. Fuel Economy, conditions #2 and #3 of 7.1 Interior Noise Test and conditions #1 and #2 of 7.2 Exterior Noise Test. Testing started on February 8, 2006 and was completed on February 17, 2006. The Check-In section of the report provides a description of the bus and specifies its major components.

The interior of the bus is configured with seating for 27 passengers including the driver. Free floor space will accommodate 14 standing passengers resulting in a potential load of 41 persons + 2 wheelchair positions. At 150 lbs per person and 600 lbs per wheelchair position, this load results in a measured gross vehicle weight of 25,240 lbs.

A Fuel Economy Test was run on simulated central business district, arterial, and commuter courses. The results were 4.86 mpg, 5.41 mpg, and 8.41 mpg respectively; with an overall average of 5.71 mpg.

A series of Interior and Exterior Noise Tests was performed. These data are listed in Section 7.1 and 7.2 respectively.

ABBREVIATIONS

ABTC	- Altoona Bus Test Center
A/C	- air conditioner
ADB	- advance design bus
ATA-MC	- The Maintenance Council of the American Trucking Association
CBD	- central business district
CW	- curb weight (bus weight including maximum fuel, oil, and coolant; but without passengers or driver)
dB(A)	- decibels with reference to 0.0002 microbar as measured on the "A" scale
DIR	- test director
DR	- bus driver
EPA	- Environmental Protection Agency
FFS	- free floor space (floor area available to standees, excluding ingress/egress areas, area under seats, area occupied by feet of seated passengers, and the vestibule area)
GVL	- gross vehicle load (150 lb for every designed passenger seating position, for the driver, and for each 1.5 sq ft of free floor space)
GVW	- gross vehicle weight (curb weight plus gross vehicle load)
GVWR	- gross vehicle weight rating
MECH	- bus mechanic
mpg	- miles per gallon
mph	- miles per hour
PM	- Preventive maintenance
PSBRTF	- Penn State Bus Research and Testing Facility
PTI	- Pennsylvania Transportation Institute
rpm	- revolutions per minute
SAE	- Society of Automotive Engineers
SCH	- test scheduler
SEC	- secretary
SLW	- seated load weight (curb weight plus 150 lb for every designed passenger seating position and for the driver)
STURAA	- Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act
TD	- test driver
TECH	- test technician
TM	- track manager
TP	- test personnel

TEST BUS CHECK-IN

I. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this task is to log in the test bus, assign a bus number, complete the vehicle data form, and perform a safety check.

II. TEST DESCRIPTION

The test consists of assigning a bus test number to the bus, cleaning the bus, completing the vehicle data form, obtaining any special information and tools from the manufacturer, determining a testing schedule, performing an initial safety check, and performing the manufacturer's recommended preventive maintenance. The bus manufacturer must certify that the bus meets all Federal regulations.

III. DISCUSSION

The check-in procedure is used to identify in detail the major components and configuration of the bus.

The test bus consists of a Thomas Built Buses Inc., model 1108N. The bus is built on a Thomas Built Bus model 51834 chassis. The bus has a front door, forward of the front axle, and a dedicated handicap entrance rear of the rear axle which is equipped with a Braun Corporation model NL9171B handicap lift. Power is provided by a diesel-fueled, Cummins Motors model ISB 230 engine coupled to an Allison model AD2500 transmission.

The measured curb weight is 8,900 lbs for the front axle and 9,350 lbs for the rear axle. These combined weights provide a total measured curb weight of 18,250 lbs. There are 27 seats including the driver, 2 wheelchair positions and room for 14 standing passengers bringing the total passenger capacity to 41 + 2 wheelchair positions. Gross load is $150 \text{ lb} \times 41 = 6,150 \text{ lbs} + 1,200 \text{ lbs}$ (2 wheelchair positions) = 7,350 lbs. At full capacity, the measured gross vehicle weight is 25,240 lbs.

VEHICLE DATA FORM

Bus Number: 0601	Arrival Date: 2-8-06
Bus Manufacturer: Thomas Built	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1T88L2E2571281134
Model Number: 1108N	Date: 2-8-06
Personnel: B.S. & S.C.	Chassis: Thomas Built / 51834

WEIGHT:

Individual Wheel Reactions:

Weights (lb)	Front Axle		Middle Axle		Rear Axle	
	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left
CW	4,430	4,470	N/A	N/A	4,770	4,580
SLW	5,030	5,230	N/A	N/A	6,370	6,720
GVW	5,530	5,520	N/A	N/A	6,950	7,240

Total Weight Details:

Weight (lb)	CW	SLW	GVW	GAWR
Front Axle	8,900	10,260	11,050	11,020
Middle Axle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rear Axle	9,350	13,090	14,190	19,000
Total	18,250	23,350	25,240	GVWR: 30,020

Dimensions:

Length (ft/in)	32 / 3.0
Width (in)	95.0
Height (in)	132.0
Front Overhang (in)	82.5
Rear Overhang (in)	129.5
Wheel Base (in)	175.0
Wheel Track (in)	Front: 79.0
	Rear: 73.0

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CLEARANCES:

Lowest Point Outside Front Axle	Location: Skid plate	Clearance(in): 9.0
Lowest Point Outside Rear Axle	Location: Fuel tank support	Clearance(in): 18.5
Lowest Point between Axles	Location: Muffler	Clearance(in): 16.5
Ground Clearance at the center (in)	16.5	
Front Approach Angle (deg)	7.1	
Rear Approach Angle (deg)	9.2	
Ramp Clearance Angle (deg)	10.7	
Aisle Width (in)	14.0	
Inside Standing Height at Center Aisle (in)	76.5	

BODY DETAILS:

Body Structural Type	Integral		
Frame Material	Steel		
Body Material	Steel		
Floor Material	Plywood		
Roof Material	Steel & fiberglass		
Windows Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Movable	
Window Mfg./Model No.	HEHR / AS3 DOT 386		
Number of Doors	<u>1</u> Front	<u>1</u> Rear	<u>1</u> Handicap
Mfr. / Model No.	Thomas Built Inc. / na		
Dimension of Each Door (in)	Front - 28.8 x 84.2	Rear – 43.0 x 71.7 Handicap – 34.5 x 55.5	
Passenger Seat Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cantilever	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pedestal	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Freedman Seating / na		
Driver Seat Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	National Seating / na		
Number of Seats (including Driver)	27 + 2 wheelchair positions		

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BODY DETAILS (Contd..)

Free Floor Space (ft ²)	22.2				
Height of Each Step at Normal Position (in)	Front	1. <u>11.9</u>	2. <u>9.1</u>	3. <u>9.1</u>	4. <u>9.7</u>
	Middle	1. <u>NA</u>	2. <u>NA</u>	3. <u>NA</u>	4. <u>NA</u>
	Rear	1. <u>NA</u>	2. <u>NA</u>	3. <u>NA</u>	4. <u>NA</u>
Step Elevation Change - Kneeling (in)	NA				

ENGINE

Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C.I.		<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Fuel	
	<input type="checkbox"/> S.I.		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	
Mfr. / Model No.	Cummins Motors / ISB 230			
Location	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front		<input type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Fuel Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Gasoline		<input type="checkbox"/> CNG	<input type="checkbox"/> Methanol
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diesel		<input type="checkbox"/> LNG	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Fuel Tank Capacity (indicate units)	60 gals			
Fuel Induction Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injected		<input type="checkbox"/> Carburetion	
Fuel Injector Mfr. / Model No.	Cummins Motors / ISB 230			
Carburetor Mfr. / Model No.	N/A			
Fuel Pump Mfr. / Model No.	Cummins Motors / ISB 230			
Alternator (Generator) Mfr. / Model No.	Leece Neville / A0014951PA			
Maximum Rated Output (Volts / Amps)	14 / 200			
Air Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	Wabco / na			
Maximum Capacity (ft ³ / min)	Not available.			
Starter Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electrical		<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Starter Mfr. / Model No.	Denso / 428000-1600			

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TRANSMISSION

Transmission Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	
Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / AD2500		
Control Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mechanical	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Torque Converter Mfr. / Model No.	Allison / AD2500		
Integral Retarder Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		

SUSPENSION

Number of Axles	2		
Front Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Axle Alliance Co. / F13.3 – 3N		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Air	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	2		
Mfr. / Model No.	Monroe / DE1034B		
Middle Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	N/A		
Suspension Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
No. of Shock Absorbers	N/A		
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Rear Axle Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beam Axle	
Mfr. / Model No.	Axle Alliance Co. / R192N		
Axle Ratio (if driven)	4.3		
Suspension Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)

No. of Shock Absorbers	2
Mfr. / Model No.	Freightliner / 16-15B17-000

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WHEELS & TIRES

Front	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Accuride 22.5 x 8.25
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Goodyear G169 RSA / 225/70R 22.5
Rear	Wheel Mfr./ Model No.	Accuride 22.5 x 8.25
	Tire Mfr./ Model No.	Goodyear G164 RTD / 225/70R 22.5

BRAKES

Front Axle Brakes Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Arvin Meritor / na		
Middle Axle Brakes Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		
Rear Axle Brakes Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cam	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
Mfr. / Model No.	Arvin Meritor / na		
Retarder Type	N/A		
Mfr. / Model No.	N/A		

HVAC

Heating System Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Air	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Capacity (Btu/hr)	90,000		
Mfr. / Model No.	Bergstrom LTD / na		
Air Conditioner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Location	2 - Rear left interior roof & right front interior roof.		
Capacity (Btu/hr)	na		
A/C Compressor Mfr. / Model No.	TAMA Mfg. / na		

STEERING

Steering Gear Box Type	Hydraulic gear
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Mfr. / Model No.	TRW / Ross
Steering Wheel Diameter	18.0
Number of turns (lock to lock)	5.0

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OTHERS

Wheel Chair Ramps	Location: N/A	Type: N/A
Wheel Chair Lifts	Location: Right rear	Type: Platform
Mfr. / Model No.	The Braun Corp. / NL9171B	
Emergency Exit	Location: Windows Doors Roof hatch	Number: 11 2 2

CAPACITIES

Fuel Tank Capacity (units)	60 gals.
Engine Crankcase Capacity (gallons)	4.25
Transmission Capacity (gallons)	7.25
Differential Capacity (quarts)	5.8 – 7.4
Cooling System Capacity (gallons)	13.0
Power Steering Fluid Capacity (gallons)	Not available.

VEHICLE DATA FORM

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List all spare parts, tools and manuals delivered with the bus.

Part Number	Description	Qty.
N/A	Operator's manual	4

COMPONENT/SUBSYSTEM INSPECTION FORM

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Subsystem	Checked	Comments
Air Conditioning Heating and Ventilation		
Body and Sheet Metal		
Frame		
Steering		
Suspension		
Interior/Seating		
Axles		
Brakes		
Tires/Wheels		
Exhaust		
Fuel System		
Power Plant		
Accessories		
Lift System		
Interior Fasteners		
Batteries		

CHECK - IN



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CHECK - IN CONT.



**THOMAS BUILT BUSES INC.
MODEL 1108N EQUIPPED WITH A BRAUN
MODEL NL9171B HANDICAP LIFT**



6. FUEL ECONOMY TEST - A FUEL CONSUMPTION TEST USING AN APPROPRIATE OPERATING CYCLE

6-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to provide accurate comparable fuel consumption data on transit buses produced by different manufacturers. This fuel economy test bears no relation to the calculations done by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine levels for the Corporate Average Fuel Economy Program. EPA's calculations are based on tests conducted under laboratory conditions intended to simulate city and highway driving. This fuel economy test, as designated here, is a measurement of the fuel expended by a vehicle traveling a specified test loop under specified operating conditions. The results of this test will not represent actual mileage but will provide data that can be used by recipients to compare buses tested by this procedure.

6-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

This test requires operation of the bus over a course based on the Transit Coach Operating Duty Cycle (ADB Cycle) at seated load weight using a procedure based on the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82. The procedure has been modified by elimination of the control vehicle and by modifications as described below. The inherent uncertainty and expense of utilizing a control vehicle over the operating life of the facility is impractical.

The fuel economy test will be performed as soon as possible (weather permitting) after the completion of the GVW portion of the structural durability test. It will be conducted on the bus test lane at the Penn State Test Facility. Signs are erected at carefully measured points which delineate the test course. A test run will comprise 3 CBD phases, 2 Arterial phases, and 1 Commuter phase. An electronic fuel measuring system will indicate the amount of fuel consumed during each phase of the test. The test runs will be repeated until there are at least two runs in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions in which the fuel consumed for each run is within ∇ 4 percent of the average total fuel used over the 4 runs. A 20-minute idle consumption test is performed just prior to and immediately after the driven portion of the fuel economy test. The amount of fuel consumed while operating at normal/low idle is recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form. This set of four valid runs along with idle consumption data comprise a valid test.

The test procedure is the ADB cycle with the following four modifications:

1. The ADB cycle is structured as a set number of miles in a fixed time in the following order: CBD, Arterial, CBD, Arterial, CBD, and Commuter. A separate idle fuel consumption measurement is performed at the beginning and end of the fuel economy test. This phase sequence permits the reporting of fuel consumption for each of these phases separately, making the data more useful to bus manufacturers and transit properties.
2. The operating profile for testing purposes shall consist of simulated transit type service at seated load weight. The three test phases (figure 6-1) are: a central business district (CBD) phase of 2 miles with 7 stops per mile and a top speed of 20 mph; an arterial phase of 2 miles with 2 stops per mile and a top speed of 40 mph; and a commuter phase of 4 miles with 1 stop and a maximum speed of 40 mph. At each designated stop the bus will remain stationary for seven seconds. During this time, the passenger doors shall be opened and closed.
3. The individual ADB phases remain unaltered with the exception that 1 mile has been changed to 1 lap on the Penn State Test Track. One lap is equal to 5,042 feet. This change is accommodated by adjusting the cruise distance and time.
4. The acceleration profile, for practical purposes and to achieve better repeatability, has been changed to "full throttle acceleration to cruise speed".

Several changes were made to the Fuel Economy Measurement Test (Engineering Type) For Trucks and Buses: SAE 1376 July 82:

1. Sections 1.1, and 1.2 only apply to diesel, gasoline, methanol, and any other fuel in the liquid state (excluding cryogenic fuels).

1.1 SAE 1376 July 82 requires the use of at least a 16-gal fuel tank. Such a fuel tank when full would weigh approximately 160 lb. It is judged that a 12-gal tank weighing approximately 120 lb will be sufficient for this test and much easier for the technician and test personnel to handle.

1.2 SAE 1376 July 82 mentions the use of a mechanical scale or a flowmeter system. This test procedure uses a load cell readout combination that provides an accuracy of 0.5 percent in weight and permits on-board weighing of the gravimetric tanks at the end of each phase. This modification permits the determination of a fuel economy value for each phase as well as the overall cycle.

2. Section 2.1 applies to compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), cryogenic fuels, and other fuels in the vapor state.

2.1 A laminar type flowmeter will be used to determine the fuel consumption. The pressure and temperature across the flow element will be monitored by the flow computer. The flow computer will use this data to calculate the gas flow rate. The flow computer will also display the flow rate (scfm) as well as the total fuel used (scf). The total fuel used (scf) for each phase will be recorded on the Fuel Economy Data Form.

3. Use both Sections 1 and 2 for dual fuel systems.

FUEL ECONOMY CALCULATION PROCEDURE

A. For diesel, gasoline, methanol and fuels in the liquid state.

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (pounds); standard reference values-- density of water at 60EF (8.3373 lbs/gal) and volumetric heating value of standard fuel; and test fuel specific gravity (unitless) and volumetric heating value (BTU/gal). These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per gallon (mpg) which is corrected to a standard gallon of fuel referenced to water at 60EF. This eliminates fluctuations in fuel economy due to fluctuations in fuel quality. This calculation has been programmed into a computer and the data processing is performed automatically.

The fuel economy correction consists of three steps:

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of pounds of fuel consumed

<u>phase</u>	<u>miles per phase</u>	<u>total miles per run</u>
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$FE_{o_{mi/lb}} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lb of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per gallon [mpg] by multiplying by the specific gravity of the test fuel G_s (referred to water) at 60EF and multiply by the density of water at 60EF

$$FE_{\text{mpg}} = FE_{\text{mi/lb}} \times G_s \times G_w$$

where G_s = Specific gravity of test fuel at 60EF (referred to water)
 G_w = 8.3373 lb/gal

- 3.) Correct to a standard gallon of fuel by dividing by the volumetric heating value of the test fuel (H) and multiplying by the volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel (Q). Both heating values must have the same units.

$$FE_c = FE_{\text{mpg}} \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

where

H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel [BTU/gal]
 Q = Volumetric heating value of standard reference fuel

Combining steps 1-3 yields

$$\implies FE_c = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{lbs}} \times (G_s \times G_w) \times \frac{Q}{H}$$

- 4.) Convert the fuel economy from mpg to an energy equivalent of miles per BTU. Since the number would be extremely small in magnitude, the energy equivalent will be represented as miles/BTU $\times 10^6$.

Eq = Energy equivalent of converting mpg to mile/BTU $\times 10^6$.

$$Eq = ((\text{mpg})/(H)) \times 10^6$$

B. CNG, LNG, cryogenic and other fuels in the vapor state.

The reported fuel economy is based on the following: measured test quantities-- distance traveled (miles) and fuel consumed (scf); density of test fuel, and volumetric heating value (BTU/lb) of test fuel at standard conditions ($P=14.73$ psia and $T=60$ EF).

These combine to give a fuel economy in miles per lb. The energy equivalent (mile/BTUx10⁶) will also be provided so that the results can be compared to buses that use other fuels.

- 1.) Divide the number of miles of the phase by the number of standard cubic feet (scf) of fuel consumed.

phase	miles per phase	total miles per run
CBD	1.9097	5.7291
ART	1.9097	3.8193
COM	3.8193	3.8193

$$FEO_{mi/scf} = \text{Observed fuel economy} = \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{scf of fuel}}$$

- 2.) Convert the observed fuel economy to miles per lb by dividing FEO by the density of the test fuel at standard conditions (Lb/ft³).

Note: The density of test fuel must be determined at standard conditions as described above. If the density is not defined at the above standard conditions, then a correction will be needed before the fuel economy can be calculated.

$$FEO_{mi/lb} = FEO / Gm$$

where Gm = Density of test fuel at standard conditions

- 3.) Convert the observed fuel economy (FEOmi/lb) to an energy equivalent of (miles/BTUx10⁶) by dividing the observed fuel economy (FEOmi/lb) by the heating value of the test fuel at standard conditions.

$$Eq = ((FEOmi/lb)/H) \times 10^6$$

where

Eq = Energy equivalent of miles/lb to mile/BTUx10⁶

H = Volumetric heating value of test fuel at standard conditions

6-III. DISCUSSION

This is a comparative test of fuel economy using diesel fuel with a heating value of 20,214.0 btu/lb. The driving cycle consists of Central Business District (CBD), Arterial (ART), and Commuter (COM) phases as described in 6-II. The fuel consumption for each driving cycle and for idle is measured separately. The results are corrected to a reference fuel with a volumetric heating value of 127,700.0 btu/gal.

An extensive pretest maintenance check is made including the replacement of all lubrication fluids. The details of the pretest maintenance are given in the first three Pretest Maintenance Forms. The fourth sheet shows the Pretest Inspection. The next sheet shows the correction calculation for the test fuel. The next four Fuel Economy Forms provide the data from the four test runs. Finally, the summary sheet provides the average fuel consumption. The overall average is based on total fuel and total mileage for each phase. The overall average fuel consumption values were; CBD – 4.86 mpg, ART – 5.41 mpg, and COM – 8.41 mpg. Average fuel consumption at idle was 2.85 lb/hr (0.45 gph).

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-13-06	SLW (lbs): 23,350
Personnel: T.S. & S.C.		

FUEL SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Install fuel measurement system	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Replace fuel filter	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Check for fuel leaks	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Specify fuel type (refer to fuel analysis)	Diesel		
Remarks: Bus arrived serviced by factory.			
BRAKES/TIRES	OK	Date	Initials
Inspect hoses	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Inspect brakes	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Relube wheel bearings	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Check tire inflation pressures (mfg. specs.)	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: Bus arrived serviced by factory.			
COOLING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check hoses and connections	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Check system for coolant leaks	✓	2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 2)

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-13-06		
Personnel: T.S. & S.C.			
ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	OK	Date	Initials
Check battery		2/13/06	S.C.
Inspect wiring		2/13/06	S.C.
Inspect terminals		2/13/06	S.C.
Check lighting		2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: Bus arrived serviced by factory.			
DRIVE SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Drain transmission fluid		2/13/06	S.C.
Replace filter/gasket		2/13/06	S.C.
Check hoses and connections		2/13/06	T.S.
Replace transmission fluid		2/13/06	S.C.
Check for fluid leaks		2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: Bus arrived serviced by factory.			
LUBRICATION	OK	Date	Initials
Drain crankcase oil		2/13/06	S.C.
Replace filters		2/13/06	S.C.
Replace crankcase oil		2/13/06	S.C.
Check for oil leaks		2/13/06	T.S.
Check oil level		2/13/06	T.S.
Lube all chassis grease fittings		2/13/06	S.C.
Lube universal joints		2/13/06	S.C.
Replace differential lube including axles		2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: Bus arrived serviced by factory.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST MAINTENANCE FORM (page 3)

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-13-06		
Personnel: T.S. & S.C.			
EXHAUST/EMISSION SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check for exhaust leaks		2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: None noted.			
ENGINE	OK	Date	Initials
Replace air filter		2/13/06	S.C.
Inspect air compressor and air system		2/13/06	T.S.
Inspect vacuum system, if applicable		2/13/06	S.C.
Check and adjust all drive belts		2/13/06	T.S.
Check cold start assist, if applicable		2/13/06	T.S.
Remarks: Bus arrived serviced by factory.			
STEERING SYSTEM	OK	Date	Initials
Check power steering hoses and connectors		2/13/06	S.C.
Service fluid level		2/13/06	S.C.
Check power steering operation		2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: None noted.			
	OK	Date	Initials
Ballast bus to seated load weight		2/13/06	S.C.
TEST DRIVE	OK	Date	Initials
Check brake operation		2/13/06	S.C.
Check transmission operation		2/13/06	S.C.
Remarks: None noted.			

FUEL ECONOMY PRE-TEST INSPECTION FORM

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-15-06
Personnel: S.C.	
PRE WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Fuel Economy Pre-Test Maintenance Form is complete	S.C.
Cold tire pressure (psi): Front <u>120</u> Middle <u>N/A</u> Rear <u>120</u>	S.C.
Tire wear:	S.C.
Engine oil level	S.C.
Engine coolant level	S.C.
Interior and exterior lights on, evaporator fan on	S.C.
Fuel economy instrumentation installed and working properly.	S.C.
Fuel line -- no leaks or kinks	S.C.
Speed measuring system installed on bus. Speed indicator installed in front of bus and accessible to TECH and Driver.	S.C.
Bus is loaded to SLW	S.C.
WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Bus driven for at least one hour warm-up	S.C.
No extensive or black smoke from exhaust	S.C.
POST WARM-UP	If OK, Initial
Warm tire pressure (psi): Front <u>121</u> Middle <u>N/A</u> Rear <u>122</u>	S.C.
Environmental conditions Average wind speed <12 mph and maximum gusts <15 mph Ambient temperature between 30°F(-1C°) and 90°F(32°C) Track surface is dry Track is free of extraneous material and clear of interfering traffic	S.C.

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 0601		Manufacturer: Thomas Built		Date: 2-14-06			
Run Number: 1		Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.					
Test Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> CW or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 36		Humidity (%): 60			
SLW (lbs): 23,350		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 10/SSW		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.97			
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:06	8:06	18.0	0	2.43	2.43
ART #1	0	4:02	4:02	18.5	0	2.34	2.34
CBD #2	0	8:08	8:08	19.0	0	2.39	2.39
ART #2	0	4:10	4:10	19.0	0	2.28	2.28
CBD #3	0	8:15	8:15	21.0	0	2.43	2.43
COMMUTER	0	6:00	6:00	21.5	0	3.04	3.04
Total Fuel = 14.91 lbs							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 1.02 lbs							
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB							
Comments: None noted.							

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 0601		Manufacturer: Thomas Built		Date: 2-15-06			
Run Number: 2		Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.					
Test Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CW or <input type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 36		Humidity (%): 50			
SLW (lbs): 23,350		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 8 / SW		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 29.97			
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:48	8:48	21.0	0	2.52	2.52
ART #1	0	4:03	4:03	21.5	0	2.17	2.17
CBD #2	0	8:24	8:24	23.0	0	2.53	2.53
ART #2	0	4:04	4:04	23.0	0	2.19	2.19
CBD #3	0	8:26	8:26	23.5	0	2.51	2.51
COMMUTER	0	6:00	6:00	23.5	0	2.83	2.83
Total Fuel = 14.75 lbs							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A lbs							
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB							
Comments: None noted.							

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 0601		Manufacturer: Thomas Built		Date: 2-15-06			
Run Number: 3		Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.					
Test Direction: <input type="checkbox"/> CW or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 47		Humidity (%): 38			
SLW (lbs): 23,350		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 9 / SW		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.10			
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:27	8:27	23.5	0	2.40	2.40
ART #1	0	4:02	4:02	23.5	0	2.24	2.24
CBD #2	0	8:44	8:44	24.0	0	2.48	2.48
ART #2	0	4:06	4:06	24.0	0	2.19	2.19
CBD #3	0	8:37	8:37	24.5	0	2.43	2.43
COMMUTER	0	5:51	5:51	24.5	0	2.78	2.78
Total Fuel = 14.52 lbs							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = N/A lbs							
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB							
Comments: None noted.							

FUEL ECONOMY DATA FORM (Liquid Fuels)

Bus Number: 0601		Manufacturer: Thomas Built		Date: 2-15-06			
Run Number: 4		Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.					
Test Direction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CW or <input type="checkbox"/> CCW		Temperature (°F): 54		Humidity (%): 35			
SLW (lbs): 23,350		Wind Speed (mph) & Direction: 10 / SW		Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.12			
Cycle Type	Time (min:sec)		Cycle Time (min:sec)	Fuel Temperature (°C)	Load Cell Reading (lb)		Fuel Used (lbs)
	Start	Finish		Start	Start	Finish	
CBD #1	0	8:42	8:42	20.5	0	2.45	2.45
ART #1	0	4:16	4:16	20.0	0	2.15	2.15
CBD #2	0	8:40	8:40	20.5	0	2.52	2.52
ART #2	0	4:15	4:15	20.5	0	2.16	2.16
CBD #3	0	8:44	8:44	21.0	0	2.46	2.46
COMMUTER	0	6:01	6:01	21.0	0	2.76	2.76
Total Fuel = 14.50 lbs							
20 minute idle : Total Fuel Used = 0.88 lbs							
Heating Value = 20,214.0 BTU/LB							
Comments: None noted.							

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FUEL ECONOMY SUMMARY SHEET

BUS MANUFACTURER : Thomas Built BUS NUMBER : 0601
 BUS MODEL : 1108N TEST DATE : 2/14/06

FUEL TYPE : DIESEL
 SP. GRAVITY : .8095
 HEATING VALUE : 20214.00 BTU/Lb
 Standard Conditions : 60 deg F and 14.7 psi
 Density of Water : 8.3373 lb/gallon at 60 deg F

CYCLE	TOTAL FUEL USED (Lb)	TOTAL MILES	FUEL ECONOMY M/Lb(Measured)	FUEL ECONOMY MPG(Corrected)

Run # :1, CCW				
CBD	7.25	5.73	.79	4.95
ART	4.62	3.82	.83	5.18
COM	3.04	3.82	1.26	7.88
TOTAL	14.91	13.37	.90	5.62
Run # :2, CW				
CBD	7.56	5.73	.76	4.75
ART	4.36	3.82	.88	5.49
COM	2.83	3.82	1.35	8.46
TOTAL	14.75	13.37	.91	5.68
Run # :3, CCW				
CBD	7.31	5.73	.78	4.91
ART	4.43	3.82	.86	5.40
COM	2.78	3.82	1.37	8.61
TOTAL	14.52	13.37	.92	5.77
Run # :4, CW				
CBD	7.43	5.73	.77	4.83
ART	4.31	3.82	.89	5.56
COM	2.76	3.82	1.38	8.68
TOTAL	14.50	13.37	.92	5.78

 IDLE CONSUMPTION

First 20 Minutes Data : 1.02 Lb Last 20 Minutes Data : .88 Lb
 Average Idle Consumption : 2.85 Lb/Hr

RUN CONSISTENCY: % Difference from overall average of total fuel used

 Run 1 : -1.6 Run 2 : -.5 Run 3 : 1.0 Run 4 : 1.2

SUMMARY

 Average Idle Consumption : .45 G/Hr
 Average CBD Phase Consumption : 4.86 MPG
 Average Arterial Phase Consumption : 5.41 MPG
 Average Commuter Phase Consumption : 8.41 MPG
 Overall Average Fuel Consumption : 5.71 MPG
 Overall Average Fuel Consumption : 41.88 Miles/ Million BTU

7. NOISE

7.1 INTERIOR NOISE AND VIBRATION TESTS

7.1-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of these tests is to measure and record interior noise levels and check for audible vibration under various operating conditions.

7.1-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

During this series of tests, the interior noise level will be measured at several locations with the bus operating under the following three conditions:

1. With the bus stationary, a white noise generating system shall provide a uniform sound pressure level equal to 80 dB(A) on the left, exterior side of the bus. The engine and all accessories will be switched off and all openings including doors and windows will be closed. This test will be performed at the ABTC.
2. The bus accelerating at full throttle from a standing start to 35 mph on a level pavement. All openings will be closed and all accessories will be operating during the test. This test will be performed on the track at the Test Track Facility.
3. The bus will be operated at various speeds from 0 to 55 mph with and without the air conditioning and accessories on. Any audible vibration or rattles will be noted. This test will be performed on the test segment between the Test Track and the Bus Testing Center.

All tests will be performed in an area free from extraneous sound-making sources or reflecting surfaces. The ambient sound level as well as the surrounding weather conditions will be recorded in the test data.

7.1-III. DISCUSSION

This test is performed in three parts. The Federal Transit Administration determined the first part, Condition #1, 80 dB(A) Stationary White Noise, need not be performed.

The second test measures interior noise during acceleration from 0 to 35 mph. This noise level ranged from 76.1 dB(A) at the front passenger seats to 78.1 dB(A) at the driver's seat, middle and rear seats. The overall average was 77.6 dB(A). The interior ambient noise level for this test was 34.5 dB(A).

The third part of the test is to listen for resonant vibrations, rattles, and other noise sources while operating over the road. No vibrations or rattles were noted.

INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Test Condition 2: 0 to 35 mph Acceleration Test

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-16-06
Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.	
Temperature (°F): 39	Humidity (%): 70
Wind Speed (mph): Calm	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.21	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: S.C.	
Interior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 34.5	Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 48.1
Microphone Height During Testing (in): 48.0	

Measurement Location	Measured Sound Level dB(A)
Driver's Seat	78.1
Front Passenger Seats	76.1
Middle Passenger Seats	78.1
Rear Passenger Seats	78.1

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: S.C.

Comments: All readings taken in the center aisle.

INTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Test Condition 3: Audible Vibration Test

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-16-06
Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.	
Temperature (°F): 39	Humidity (%): 70
Wind Speed (mph): Calm	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.21	

Describe the following possible sources of noise and give the relative location on the bus.

Source of Noise	Location
Engine and Accessories	None noted.
Windows and Doors	None noted.
Seats and Wheel Chair lifts	None noted.

Comment on any other vibration or noise source which may have occurred that is not described above: None noted.

7.2 EXTERIOR NOISE TESTS

7.2-I. TEST OBJECTIVE

The objective of this test is to record exterior noise levels when a bus is operated under various conditions.

7.2-II. TEST DESCRIPTION

In the exterior noise tests, the bus will be operated at a SLW in three different conditions using a smooth, straight and level roadway:

1. Accelerating at full throttle from a constant speed at or below 35 mph and just prior to transmission up shift.
2. Accelerating at full throttle from standstill.
3. Stationary, with the engine at low idle, high idle, and wide open throttle.

In addition, the buses will be tested with and without the air conditioning and all accessories operating. The exterior noise levels will be recorded.

The test site is at the PSBRTF and the test procedures will be in accordance with SAE Standards SAE J366b, Exterior Sound Level for Heavy Trucks and Buses. The test site is an open space free of large reflecting surfaces. A noise meter placed at a specified location outside the bus will measure the noise level.

During the test, special attention should be paid to:

1. The test site characteristics regarding parked vehicles, signboards, buildings, or other sound-reflecting surfaces
2. Proper usage of all test equipment including set-up and calibration
3. The ambient sound level

7.2-III. DISCUSSION

The Exterior Noise Test determines the noise level generated by the vehicle under different driving conditions and at stationary low and high idle, with and without air conditioning and accessories operating. The test site is a large, level, bituminous paved area with no reflecting surfaces nearby. The Federal Transit Administration determined the third test, Exterior Noise Test – Stationary, need not be performed.

With an exterior ambient noise level of 48.8 dB(A), the average test result obtained while accelerating from a constant speed was 73.9 dB(A) on the right side and 74.2 dB(A) on the left side.

When accelerating from a standstill with an exterior ambient noise level of 47.6 dB(A), the average of the results obtained were 74.4 dB(A) on the right side and 74.8 dB(A) on the left side.

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM

Accelerating from Constant Speed

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-16-06
Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.	
Temperature (°F): 39	Humidity (%): 70
Wind Speed (mph): Calm	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.12	
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: ■ checked by: S.C.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: S.C.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 48.8	

Accelerating from Constant Speed Curb (Right) Side		Accelerating from Constant Speed Street (Left) Side	
Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)	Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)
1	73.3	1	73.8
2	73.6	2	73.0
3	73.9	3	74.3
4	74.3	4	74.1
5	73.9	5	73.7
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 73.9 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.2 dB(A)	

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ■ checked by: S.C.
Comments: None noted.

EXTERIOR NOISE TEST DATA FORM
Accelerating from Standstill

Bus Number: 0601	Date: 2-16-06
Personnel: B.S., T.S. & S.C.	
Temperature (°F): 70	Humidity (%): 70
Wind Speed (mph): Calm	Wind Direction: Calm
Barometric Pressure (in.Hg): 30.12	
Verify that microphone height is 4 feet, wind speed is less than 12 mph and ambient temperature is between 30°F and 90°F: ■ checked by: S.C.	
Initial Sound Level Meter Calibration: ■ checked by: S.C.	
Exterior Ambient Noise Level dB(A): 47.6	

Accelerating from Standstill Curb (Right) Side		Accelerating from Standstill Street (Left) Side	
Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)	Run #	Measured Noise Level dB(A)
1	73.9	1	74.6
2	74.1	2	74.8
3	74.5	3	74.7
4	74.2	4	74.3
5	73.9	5	73.5
Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.4 dB(A)		Average of two highest actual noise levels = 74.8 dB(A)	

Final Sound Level Meter Calibration Check: ■ checked by: S.C.
Comments: None noted.

7.2 EXTERIOR NOISE TESTS



**TEST BUS UNDERGOING
EXTERIOR NOISE TESTING**



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