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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Nevada Out-of-Service Manual is to identify items on a school bus that would require the bus be placed out-of-service. The Out-of-Service manual was approved by the State Board of Education at their May 2 and 3, 2008 meeting. The manual is effective as of that date.

The Nevada School Bus Out-of-Service Inspection Manual has utilized the *Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's 2008 Out-of-Service Criteria* to produce this manual. The department would also like to thank all the Nevada Highway Patrol and statewide school district transportation personnel for their assistance in developing and updating this manual.

NRS 392.400, gives authority to the Nevada Highway Patrol to inspect school buses in Nevada semiannually. The Nevada Highway Patrol has the authority to place any bus out-of-service for any violation listed in this manual. If the specific item is not listed in this manual, the violation is noted as a deficiency on the School Bus Inspection Form. School buses are inspected according to the Nevada State School Bus Standards, approved by the State Board of Education.

Common sense must be used if a school bus has an Out-of-Service violation while transporting students. If the violation is not a serious mechanical failure and does not immediately impact the safe transportation of the students, then the school bus is allowed to return to the safest spot or destination, whichever comes first.

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DRIVER OUT-OF-SERVICE CRITERIA

OUT OF SERVICE CRITERIA THAT REQUIRES THE DRIVER BE PLACED OUT-OF-SERVICE:

1. Does not possess a valid CDL issued by his/her state.
Note: This includes, but is not limited to: improper class, expired, cancelled, revoked, disqualified, suspended, or withdrawn.
2. Operating a commercial vehicle without the proper endorsements or in violation of restrictions. (383.23(a)(2), 391.11(b)(5))
3. Does not possess the proper class of license for vehicle being operated. (383.91(a))
4. Operating a commercial vehicle without corrective lenses or hearing aid as indicated on the driver's medical certificate. (391.11(b)(4))
5. When an inspector has knowledge and/or evidence that a driver is/is not in possession of a valid medical certificate, and is not in possession of any and all required exemptions for the following conditions: vision, hearing, insulin-using diabetes, epilepsy or any other conditions which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a commercial motor vehicle. (391.11(b)(4))
6. Any driver who is unable to communicate sufficiently to understand and respond to official inquiries and directions. (391.11(b)(2))
7. When so impaired that the driver should not continue on the trip. (392.3)
8. Any driver in possession of drugs or other substances or who is under the influence. (392.4(a))
9. Any driver who is under the influence of intoxicating beverage, consumes an intoxicating beverage regardless of its alcohol content, or have any measured alcohol concentration or any detected presence of alcohol while on duty, or operating or in physical control of a motor vehicle. (293.5(a))
10. Any driver who has been driving 10 hours in a 15 hour period, or who has not had the required 10 consecutive hours of off-duty time or who has been on-duty more than 60 hours in 7 consecutive days or 70 hours in 7 consecutive days or 70 hours in 8 consecutive days.

VEHICLE OUT-OF-SERVICE CRITERIA

BRAKE SYSTEMS

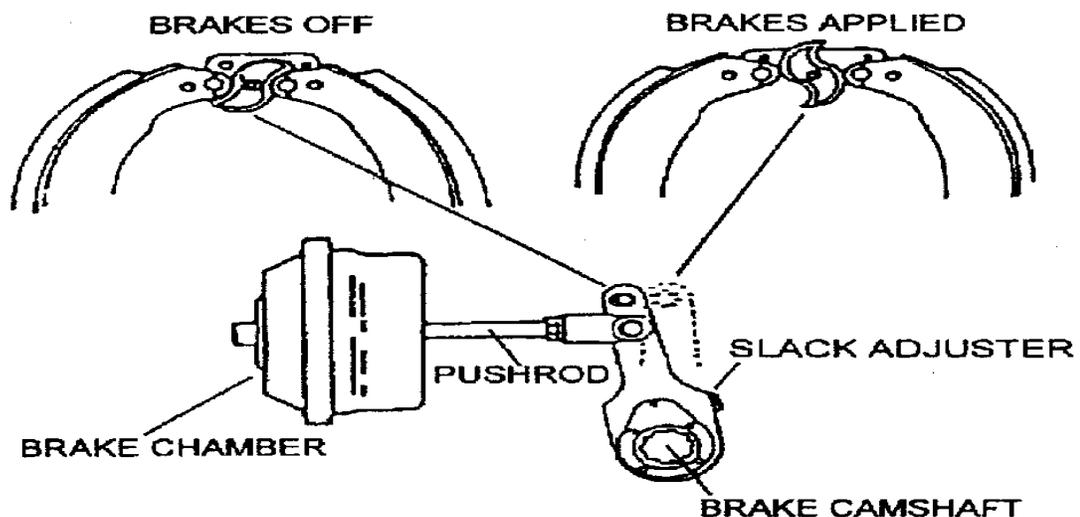
A. DEFECTIVE BRAKES:

The number of defective brakes is equal to or greater than 20 percent of the service brakes on the vehicle. A defective brake includes any brake that meets one of the following criteria:

NOTE: Steering axle brakes under section C. "STEERING AXLES BRAKES" **are to be** included in the 20 percent criteria.

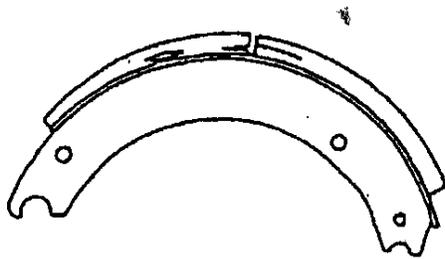
1. Absence of effective braking action upon application of the service brakes (such as brake linings failing to move or contact braking surface upon application.) (393.48(a))
2. Missing or broken mechanical components including: shoes, linings, pads, springs, anchor pins, spiders, cam rollers, pushrods, air chamber and mounting bolts. (393.48(a))
3. Loose brake components including air chambers, spiders and camshaft support brackets. (393.48(a))
4. Audible air leak at brake chamber, (Example: ruptured diaphragm, loose chamber clamp, etc.)

NOTE: Also check under section H. "AIR LOSS RATE.". (396.3(a)(1))

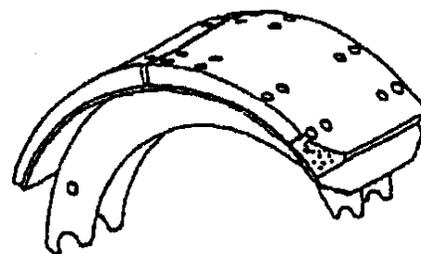


5. Brake adjustment limits. Bring reservoir pressure between 90 to 100 psi (620-690 KPA), turn engine off and then fully apply the brakes.
 - a. One brake at 1/4 inch (6 mm) or more beyond the adjustment limit. (Example: Type 30 clamp type brake chamber pushrod measured at 2-1/4 inch (57 mm) would be one defective brake.) (393.47(e))
 - b. Two brakes with less than 1/4 inch (6 mm) beyond the adjustment limit also equal one defective brake. Example: type 30 clamp type brake chamber pushrods measure – Two at 2-1/8 inches (54 mm). This example would equal one defective brake. (393.47(e))
 - c. Any wedge brake where the combined brake lining movement of both top and bottom shoes exceeds 1/8 inch (3 mm). (393.47(f))

6. Brake linings or pads. (Except on power unit steering axles.)
 - a. Cracked, loose or missing lining.
 - (i) Lining cracks or voids of 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) in width observable on the edge of the lining.
 - (ii) Portions of a lining segment missing such that a fastening device (rivet or bolt) is exposed when viewing the lining from the edge.
 - (iii) Cracks that exceed 1-1/2 inch (38 mm) in length.
 - (iv) Loose lining segments. (Approximately 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) or more movement.)
 - (v) Complete lining segment missing. (393.47)



Out-of-Service
 Cracks or voids that exceed 1/16" in width
 Cracks that exceed 1 1/2 " in length



Out-of-Service
 Portion of lining missing that exposes a fastening device.

- b. The friction surface of the brake drum or rotor, and the brake friction material are contaminated by oil, grease or brake fluid. (393.47)
- c. Air Brakes: Lining with thickness less than 1/4 inch (6 mm) or to wear indicator if lining is so marked, measured at the shoe center for drum brakes or less than 1/8 inch (3mm) for disc brakes. (393.47)
- d. Hydraulic and electric brakes: Lining with thickness of 1/16 inch (1.6mm) or less at the shoe center for disc or drum brakes. (393.47)

7. Missing brake on any axle required to have brakes. (393.42)

B. BRAKE ADJUSTMENT:

The brake adjustment shall not exceed those specifications contained hereunder relating to “Brake Adjustment Limit.” Dimensions are in inches

CLAMP TYPE BRAKE CHAMBER DATA		
TYPE	OUTSIDE DIAMETER	BRAKE ADJUSTMENT LIMIT
6	4-1/2 (114 mm)	1-1/4 (32 mm)
9	5-1/4 (133 mm)	1-3/8 (35 mm)
12	5-11/16 (145 mm)	1-3/8 (35 mm)
16	6-3/8 (162 mm)	1-3/4 (45 mm)
20	6-25/32 (172 mm)	1-3/4 (45 mm)
24	7-7/32 (184 mm)	1-3/4 (45 mm)
30	8-3/32 (206 mm)	2 (51 mm)
36	9 (229 mm)	2-1/4 (57 mm)

NOTE: A brake found at the adjustment limit is not a defect for the purposes of the 20% rule.

'LONG STROKE' CLAMP TYPE BRAKE CHAMBER DATA		
TYPE	OUTSIDE DIAMETER	BRAKE ADJUSTMENT LIMIT
12	5-11/16 (145 mm)	1-3/4 (45 cm)
16	6-3/8 (162 mm)	2 (51 mm)
20	6-25/32 (172 mm)	2 (51 mm)
24	7-7/32 (184 mm)	2 (51 mm)
24*	7-7/32 (184 mm)	2 -1/2 (64 mm)
30	8-3/32 (206 mm)	2 -1/2 (64 mm)

* For 3 inch maximum stroke type 24 chambers.

NOTE: A brake found at the adjustment limit is not a defect for the purposes of the 20% rule.

BOLT TYPE BRAKE CHAMBER DATA		
TYPE	OUTSIDE DIAMETER	BRAKE ADJUSTMENT LIMIT
A	6-15/16 (176 mm)	1-3/8 (35 mm)
B	9-3/16 (234 mm)	1-3/4 (45 mm)
C	8-1/16 (205 mm)	1-3/4 (45 mm)
D	5-1/4 (133 mm)	1-1/4 (32 mm)
E	6-3/16 (157 mm)	1-3/8 (35 mm)
F	11 (279 mm)	2-1/4 (57 mm)
G	9-7/8 (251 mm)	2 (51 mm)

NOTE: A brake found at the adjustment limit is not a defect for the purposes of the 20% rule.

ROTOCHAMBER DATA		
TYPE	OUTSIDE DIAMETER	BRAKE ADJUSTMENT LIMIT
9	4-9/32 (109 mm)	1-1/2 (38 mm)
12	4-13/16 (122 mm)	1-1/2 (38 mm)
16	5-13/32 (138 mm)	2 (51 mm)
20	5-15/16 (151 mm)	2 (51 mm)
24	6-13/32 (163 mm)	2 (51 mm)
30	7-1/16 (180 mm)	2-1/4 (57 mm)
36	7-5/8 (194 mm)	2-3/4 (70 mm)
50	8-7/8 (226 mm)	3 (76 mm)

NOTE: A brake found at the adjustment limit is not a defect for the purposes of the 20% rule.

DD-3 BRAKE CHAMBER DATA		
TYPE	OUTSIDE DIAMETER	BRAKE ADJUSTMENT LIMIT
30	8-1/8 (206 mm)	2-1/4 (57 mm)

NOTE: This chamber has three air lines and is found on motor coaches.

NOTE: A brake found at the adjustment limit is not a defect for the purposes of the 20% rule.

WEDGE BRAKE DATA
The combined movement of both brake shoe lining scribe marks shall not exceed 1/8 inch (3.18 mm).

C. STEERING AXLE BRAKES: In addition to being included in the 20 percent criterion, the following criteria places a vehicle in an Out-of-Service condition:

1. Any inoperative brake on either wheel of any steering axle of any vehicle equipped with steering axle brakes. (393.48(a))
2. Mismatch across any power unit steering axle of:
 - a. Air chamber sizes. (393.47(b))

NOTE: Mismatched air chamber sizes excludes long stroke brake chamber versus regular stroke brake chamber and excludes differences in design type such as type 20 clamp versus type 20 rotor chamber.

- b. Slack adjuster length. (393.47(c))
3. Brake linings or pads on the steering axle of any power unit:
- a. Cracked, loose, or missing lining.
 - i. Lining cracks or voids of 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) in width observable on the edge of the lining.
 - ii. Portions of lining segment missing such that a fastening device (rivet or bolt) is exposed when viewing the lining from the edge.
 - iii. Cracks that exceed 1-1/2 inch (38 mm) in length.
 - iv. Loose lining segments. (Approximately 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) or more movement).
 - v. Complete lining segment missing. (393.47)
 - b. The friction surface of the brake drum or rotor, and the brake friction material are contaminated by oil, grease, or brake fluid. (393.47)
 - c. Lining with thickness less than 3/16 inch (5 mm) for a shoe with a continuous strip of lining, or 1/4 inch (6 mm) for a shoe with two pads for drum brakes or to wear indicator if lining is so marked, or less than 1/8 inch (3 mm) for air disc brakes, and 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) or less for hydraulic disc, drum and electric brakes. (393.47)

D. AIR COMPRESSOR:

- 1. Normally to be inspected when readily visible or when conditions indicate compressor problems.
 - a. Loose compressor mounting bolts. (396.3(a)(1))
 - b. Cracked, broken, or loose pulley. (396.3(a)(1))
 - c. Cracked or broken mounting brackets, braces, or adapters. (396.3(a)(1))

E. AIR LOSS RATE:

1. If an air leak is discovered and the reservoir pressure is not maintained when:
 - a. Governor is cut-in;
 - b. Reservoir pressure is between 80 & 90 psi (551-620 KPA);
 - c. Engine is at idle; and
 - d. Service brakes are fully applied. (396.3(a)(1))

F. AIR RESERVOIR:

1. Air reservoir security; separated from its original attachment points. (396.3(a)(1))

G. BRAKE DRUMS OR ROTORS (DISCS):

1. Any portion of the drum has any external crack or cracks that open upon brake application. (393.47(a))
2. Any rotor (disc) with a crack in length of more than 75% of the friction surface and passes completely through the rotor to the center vent from either side or completely through a solid rotor. (393.47(a))
3. Any portion of the drum or rotor (discs) missing or in danger of falling away. (393.47(a))

Note: Do not confuse short hairline heat check cracks with flexural cracks. (393.47(a))

H. BRAKE HOSE and TUBING:

1. Any damage extending through the outer reinforcement ply. (Rubber impregnated fabric cover **is not** a reinforcement ply). (Thermoplastic nylon tube may have braid reinforcement or color difference between cover and inner tube. Exposure of second color is Out-of-Service.) (393.45(a))
2. Bulge/swelling when air pressure is applied. (393.45(a))
3. Audible leak at other than a proper connection. (393.45(a))

4. Improperly joined such as a splice made by sliding the hose ends over a piece of tubing and clamping the hose to the tube. (393.45(a))
5. Damaged by heat, broken, or crimped in such a manner as to restrict air flow. (393.45(a))

J. HYDRAULIC BRAKES: (Including: Power Assist over Hydraulic and Engine Driven Hydraulic Booster.)

1. No pedal reserve with engine running. (393.40(b))
2. Master cylinder less than 1/4 full.
NOTE: Normally to be inspected when readily visible or problems are apparent. (396.3(a)(1))
3. Power assist unit fails to operate. (396.3(a)(1))
4. Seeping or swelling brake hose(s) under application of pressure. (393.45(a))
5. Missing or inoperable breakaway braking device. (393.43(d))
6. Hydraulic hose(s) abraded (chafed) through outer cover-to-fabric layer. (393.45)
7. Fluid lines or connections restricted, crimped, cracked, or broken. (393.45(a))
8. Any visually observed leaking hydraulic fluid in the brake system upon full application. (393.45(a))
9. Hydraulic System: Brake failure light/low fluid warning light on and/or inoperative. (393.51)

K. LOW PRESSURE WARNING DEVICE:

1. Low pressure warning device missing, inoperative, or does not operate at 55 psi (379KPA) and below, or 1/2 of the governor cut-out pressure, whichever is less.

NOTE: If either an audible or visual warning device is working as required, vehicle should not be placed Out-of-Service. (393.51)

L. PARKING BRAKE:

1. No brakes on the vehicle are applied upon actuation of the parking brake

control, including driveline hand controlled parking brakes. (393.41)

M. SPRING BRAKE CHAMBERS:

1. Any non-manufactured holes or cracks in the spring brake housing section of a parking brake. (363.3(a)(1))

N. VACUUM SYSTEM:

1. Insufficient vacuum reserve to permit one full brake application after engine is shut off. (393.50)
2. Vacuum hose(s) or line(s) restricted, abraded (chafed) through outer cover-to-cord ply, crimped, cracked, broken, or has collapse of vacuum hose(s) when vacuum is applied. (393.45(a))

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

A. FIRE EXTINGUISHER:

1. Any vehicle not equipped with at least one type 2A10BC, 5 pound pressurized, dry chemical fire extinguisher with current certification tag.

B. FIRST-AID KITS:

1. Any vehicle that does not have a first aid kit **and** body fluid kit readily accessible and labeled.

C. WARNING DEVICES:

1. Any vehicle not equipped with at least three reflectorized triangle road warning devices.

EMERGENCY EXITS

1. Emergency exits that are missing, inoperable, or obstructed. (392.62 and 393.1203)
2. All emergency doors shall be accessible by a 12 inch minimum aisle. Aisle shall be unobstructed at all times by any type of barrier, seat, wheelchair or tie down, unless a flip seat is installed and occupied. A flip seat in the unoccupied (up) position shall not obstruct the 12 inch minimum aisle to any side emergency door, must be fully operational and flip up with slight hand pressure.

3. The seat backs shall be slanted sufficiently to give aisle clearance of 15 inches at top of seat backs at center line.
4. Any vehicle equipped with a buzzer or bell which does not operate when raised to an open position.
5. Any emergency exit equipped with a starter interlock that is non-operational.
6. Any vehicle whose emergency doors and windows are not marked according to the standards that were in effect at the time the bus was ordered.

NOTE: Exterior emergency window markings were required after 11-02-92.

NOTE: Does not include operating instructions.

EXHAUST SYSTEM

1. Any bus exhaust system leaking or discharging under the chassis more than 6 inches (152 mm) forward of the rear most part of the bus when powered by a gasoline engine, or more than 15 inches (381 mm) forward of the rear most part of the bus when powered by other than a gasoline engine. (393.83)(d))

NOTE: Engine must be running to verify exhaust leaks.

2. No part of the exhaust system of any motor vehicle shall be so located as to be likely to result in burning, charring, or damaging the electrical wiring, the fuel supply, or any combustible part of the motor vehicle. (393.83(a))

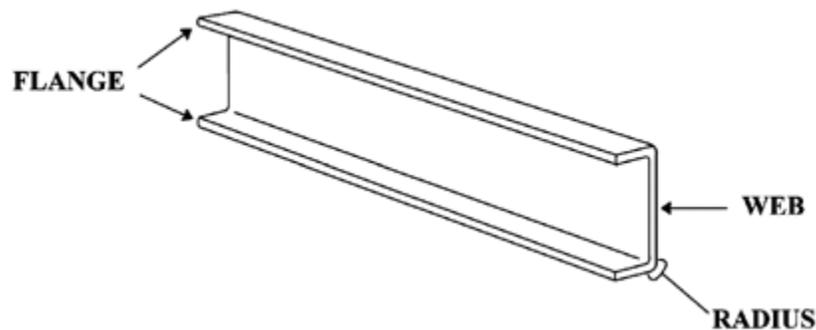
FRAME & BODY

A. FRAME MEMBERS:

1. Any cracked, loose, sagging, or broken frame siderail permitting shifting of the body onto moving parts or other condition indicating an imminent collapse of the frame. (393.201(a))
2. Bolts or bracket fasteners securing the cab or the body of the vehicle shall not be loose, broken or missing.
3. Any cracked, loose, or broken frame member adversely affecting support of functional components such as steering gear, engine, transmission, body parts, and suspension. (393.201(a))
4. One and one-half inches (38 mm) or longer crack in frame siderail web which is directed toward bottom flange. (393.201(a))

5. Any crack extending from the frame siderail web around the radius and into the bottom flange. (393.201(a))
6. One inch (25mm) or longer crack in siderail bottom flange. (393.201(a))

NOTE: Items (1) and (2) above apply to all buses, including those having unitized (monocoque) construction. Items (3) and (4) apply only to buses having a body-on-chassis design, such as most school buses.



B. ROOF/BODY STRUCTURE: (Applicable only to Carpenter School Buses)

1. Any body structure area (roof bow/Carlin rail/window post) that is cracked.
2. Any body structure area (roof bow/Carlin rail/window post) that has been welded and has cracked again, or additional cracks appear in the structural area after initial welding has occurred, is permanently scrapped.
3. Any body structure area (roof bow/Carlin rail/window post) where 20% or more of the structural area is cracked, will be scrapped.
4. Any lower Carlin rail that is cracked all the way through will be scrapped.

NOTE: Carpenter buses roof/body structure will be required to be inspected yearly.

C. TIRE AND WHEEL CLEARANCE:

1. Any condition, including loading that causes the body or frame to be in contact with a tire or any part of the wheel assemblies, at the time of inspection. (396.3(a)(1))

FUEL SYSTEM

A. LIQUID FUELS:

1. A fuel system with a dripping leak at any point (including refrigerator or heater fuel systems). (393.67 – Fuel Tank Leak), (396.3(a)(1) – Leak at Other Than Fuel Tank)
2. A fuel tank not securely attached to the vehicle.

NOTE: Some fuel tanks use spring or rubber bushings to permit movement. (393.65)

B. GASEOUS FUELS:

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY NOTE: Personnel must exercise extreme caution whenever checking a gaseous fuel system for leaks. Any possibility of creating sparks, static electricity, friction, etc., must be avoided as they could cause a fire or explosion.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY NOTE: Vehicles with leaking gaseous fuel systems must be parked carefully. Gases escaping from CNG and LNG systems will rise. If the vehicle is parked inside a building or under a canopy, roof or similar cover, combustible gasses can collect beneath the ceiling. Escaping LPG falls and can form a “pool” of combustible gas near the ground and displaces air, including oxygen. LPG and liquid LNG will flow into open drains. Combustible gases can explode when ignited by an open flame or spark.

1. CNG or LPG:

- a. Any fuel leakage from the CNG or LPG system detected by smell and verified by either a bubble test using non-ammonia, non-corrosive soap solution or a flammable gas detection meter.
- b. Any fuel leakage from the CNG or LPG system detected verified by either a bubble test using non-ammonia, non-corrosive soap solution or flammable gas detection meter.

NOTE: Verification is needed to ensure that the sound is not either internal to the fuel system (such as gas flowing in a pressure regulator, or pressure equalizing between manifold tanks) or a leak in the air brake system.

- c. Any fuel leakage from the CNG or LPG system detected visibly (evidence such as ice buildup or fuel system connections and fittings) and verified by either a bubble test using non-ammonia, non-corrosive soap solution or a flammable gas detection meter.

NOTE: Some brief fuel leakage or decompression may occur during refueling, causing temporary frosting of CNG or LPG fuel system parts. If the vehicle has been refueled shortly before inspection, care must be taken to distinguish these temporary frosting occurrences from actual leaks.

2. LNG:

OCCUAPTIONAL SAFETY NOTE: LNG is a cryogenic material and presents a potential safety hazard due both to the extremely cold temperature of its liquid and the flammability of its vapor. Personnel inspecting such systems should exercise utmost caution, including the wearing of proper eye protection, gloves and clothing.

NOTE: LNG liquid and vaporized gas is odorless and undetectable by the human sense of smell. Frost buildup is not necessarily evidence of leakage. Many components of LNG fuel systems are extremely cold and will exhibit an even coat of frost produced by moisture in the surrounding air condensing and freezing on them.

- a. A cloud of water vapor coming from any component of the fuel system.

NOTE: It is normal, particularly in humid conditions, for water vapor to collect around many portions of a LNG fuel system.

- b. Any leak detected by a methane detection meter.
- c. Dripping liquid that boils or vaporizes in the air.

HEADLAMPS, TAIL LAMPS, STOP LAMPS, and TURN SIGNALS

1. **Headlamps** - The bus does not have at least one head lamp operating on low beam. (393.24(b)) (393.17 – Driveaway/towaway), (393.9 – Inoperable/obscured)
2. **Lamps on rear** - The bus does not have at least one steady burning tail lamp on the rear of the vehicle, visible from 500 feet (152 m). (393.25(b)), (393.9 – Inoperable/obscured)
3. Four way hazard lights do not fully operate in the front and rear.

4. Overhead amber flashing lights do not fully operate when door is closed.
5. Overhead red flashing lights that do not fully operate when vehicle is stopped and the loading/unloading door is open.
6. Does not have at least one operative stop lamp on the rear of a vehicle visible at 500 feet (152 m). (393.25(f), (393.17 – Driveaway/towaway), (393.9 – Inoperable/obscured)
7. Does not have operative turn signals visible on each side of the rear of the vehicle.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. AISLE

1. Any aisle that is obstructed or has objects blocking the exits.

B. CROSSING CONTROL ARM:

1. Any vehicle not equipped with a crossing control arm, or any vehicle whose crossing control arm is non-operational.

NOTE: Crossing control arms are not required for a school bus which is used solely to transport pupils with special needs who are individually loaded and unloaded in a manner which does not require them to walk in front of the bus.

C. DEFROSTERS

1. Any vehicle whose defrosters are not operational in inclement weather.

D. HANDICAP WHEELCHAIR LIFT:

1. Wheelchair lift does not function as designed or is inoperable.

NOTE: Only applicable when transporting special needs students who would require the use of a handicapped lift.

2. Any hydraulic line leaking during operation.
3. Any wheelchair tie down that is missing or improperly installed, loose or damaged.
4. Any lift with a platform barrier/roll stop that is non-operational.

E. HANDRAILS:

1. Any vehicle whose handrails have not been modified to ensure that hood cords, back pack straps or belts will not become entangled.

F. HORN:

1. Any vehicle whose horn does not work.

G. SEATS:

1. Any vehicle with a seat that has been placed in the aisle.
2. Any seat/barrier that is not secured properly.
3. Any seat/barrier material so defective that it compromises the integrity of occupant protection and compartmentalization.

H. SEAT BELTS:

1. When required, all seat belts and restraining devices shall be free from defects.

I. STOP SIGNAL ARMS:

1. Any vehicle manufactured after October 13, 1987, whose stop signal arm(s) does not fully extend either automatically or manually when activated, or does not have at least one operable warning lamp.
2. Any vehicle manufactured after October 13, 1987 and equipped with a LED light system, where at least 15% of the LED lights are inoperable.

J. WINDOWS:

1. Any vehicle whose windows are cracked with edges protruding on the inside of the bus.
2. Any vehicle whose windshield glass or driver side window has multiple cracks which obscure the driver's view.

K. WINDSHIELD WIPERS:

1. Any school bus that has inoperative wipers, or missing or damaged parts that

renders it ineffective. (393.78)

L. WIRING and ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS IN ENGINE AND BATTERY COMPARTMENTS

1. Electrical cable insulation chafed, frayed, damaged, burnt, causing bar cable to be exposed. (393.28, 396.3 (a)(1))
2. Broken or damaged protective grommets insulating main electrical cables through metal compartment panels. (393.30)
3. Broken or unsecured mounting of electrical components. (396.3(a)(1))
4. Electrical cables unsupported, hanging or missing clamps that may cause a chafing or frayed condition. (393.28, 396.3(a)(1))
5. Any visible leaking of lubricant (i.e., engine supplied oil pressure) from electrical component such as alternator, auxiliary heater, etc. (396.5, 396.3(a)(1))

STEERING MECHANISM

A. STEERING WHEEL FREE PLAY:

(See chart below: When any of these values - inch movement or degrees - are met or exceeded, vehicle shall be placed Out-of-Service.) (393.209(b)) For power steering systems, the engine must be running.

Steering Wheel Diameter	Manual System Movement 30°	Power System Movement 45°
16" (41cm)	4 1/2" (11.5cm) (or more)	6 3/4" (17cm) (or more)
18" (46cm)	4 3/4" (12cm) (or more)	7 1/8" (18cm) (or more)
19" (48cm)	5" (13cm) (or more)	7 1/2" (19cm) (or more)
20" (51cm)	5 1/4" (13cm) (or more)	7 7/8" (20cm) (or more)
21" (53cm)	5 1/2" (14cm) (or more)	8 1/4" (21cm) (or more)
22" (56cm)	5 3/4" (15cm) (or more)	8 5/8" (22cm) (or more)

NOTE: For power systems, if steering wheel movement exceeds 45 degrees before steering axle tires move, proceed as follows: Rock steering wheel left to right between points of power steering valve resistance. If that motion exceeds 30 degrees (or the inch - movement

values shown for manual steering) vehicle shall be placed Out-of-Service.

B. STEERING COLUMN:

1. Any absence or looseness of U-bolt(s) or positioning part(s). (393.209(c))
2. Worn, faulty, or obviously repair-welded universal joint(s). (393.209(d))
3. Steering wheel not properly secured. (393.209(a))

C. FRONT AXLE BEAM AND ALL STEERING COMPONENTS OTHER THAN STEERING COLUMN: (Including wheel hub)

1. Any crack(s). (396.3(a)(1))
2. Any obvious welded repair(s). (396.3(a)(1))

D. STEERING GEAR BOX:

1. Any mounting bolt(s) loose or missing. (393.209(d))
2. Any crack(s) in gear box or mounting brackets. (393.209(d))
3. Any obvious welded repairs. (396.3(a)(1))
4. Any looseness of the yoke-coupling to the steering gear input shaft. (393.209(d))

E. PITMAN ARM:

1. Any looseness of the pitman arm on the steering gear output shaft. (393.209(d))
2. Any obvious welded repairs(s). (396.3(a)(1))

F. POWER STEERING:

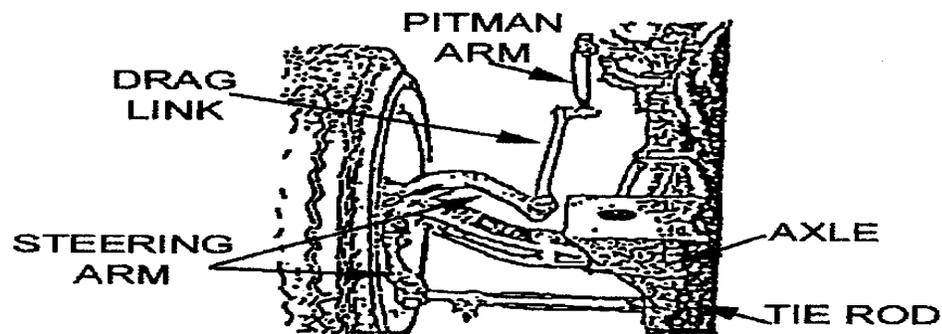
1. Auxiliary power assist cylinder loose. (393.209(e))
2. Evidence of power steering fluid leaking steadily (showing little variation or fluctuation) from any component in the system. This includes any component that shares the reservoir to the power steering system.

G. BALL AND SOCKET JOINTS:

1. Any movement under steering load of a stud nut. (396.3(a)(1))
2. Any motion, other than rotational, between any linkage member and its attachment point of more than 1/8 inch (3mm) measured with hand pressure only. (393.209(d))
3. Any obvious welded repair(s). (393.209(d))

H. TIE RODS AND DRAG LINKS:

1. Loose clamp(s) or clamp bolt(s) on tie rods or drag links. (396.3(a)(1))
2. Any looseness in any threaded joint. (396.3(a)(1))



I. NUTS:

1. Loose or missing on tie rods, pitman arm, drag link, steering arm, or tie rod arm. (396.3(a)(1))

J. STEERING WHEEL SYSTEMS:

1. Any modification or other condition that interferes with the free movement of any steering component. (393.209(d))

SUSPENSION

A. AXLE PARTS/MEMBERS:

1. Any U-Bolt(s) or other spring to axle clamp bolt(s) cracked, broken, loose, or missing. (393.207(a))
2. Any axle, axle housing, spring hanger(s), or other axle positioning part(s) cracked, broken, loose, or missing resulting in shifting of an axle from its normal position. (393.207(a))

NOTE: After a turn, lateral axle displacement is normal with some suspensions including composite springs mounted on steering axles.

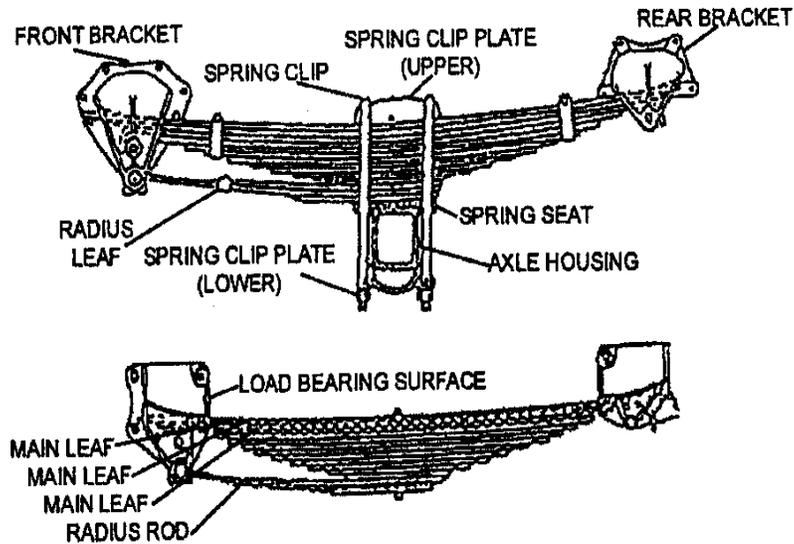
B. SPRING ASSEMBLY:

1. One-fourth or more of the leaves in any spring assembly broken. (393.207(c))
2. Any leaf or portion of any leaf in any spring assembly is missing or separated. (393.207(c))
3. Any broken main leaf in a leaf spring. (393.207(c))

NOTES:

- a. Any leaf of leaf spring assembly is a main leaf if it extends, at both ends, to or beyond:
 - i. The load bearing surface of a spring hanger or equalizer.
 - ii. The spring end cap or insulator box mounted on the axle.
 - iii. A spring eye, further: Any leaf of a helper spring assembly is a helper main leaf if it extends, at both ends, to or beyond the load bearing surface of its contact pad, hanger, or equalizer.
- b. The radius rod leaf, in springs having such a leaf, has the same function as the torque or radius components referenced in "Torque, Radius, or Tracking or Sway Bar Components," and should be treated as such a component for purposes of Out-of-Service. (393.207(c))

4. Coil spring broken. (393.207(d))
5. Rubber spring missing. (393.207(a))
6. One or more leaves displaced in a manner that could result in contact with a tire, rim, brake, drum, or frame. (393.207(c))



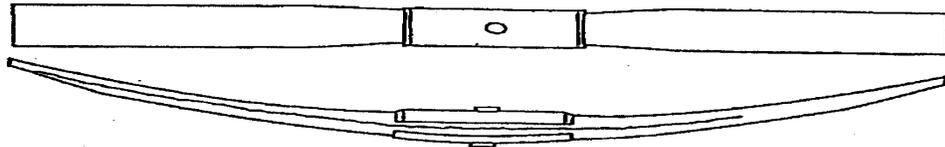
7. Broken torsion bar spring in torsion bar suspension. (393.207(e))
8. Deflated air suspension (i.e., system failure, leak. Etc.). (393.207(f))

C. COMPOSITE SPRINGS:

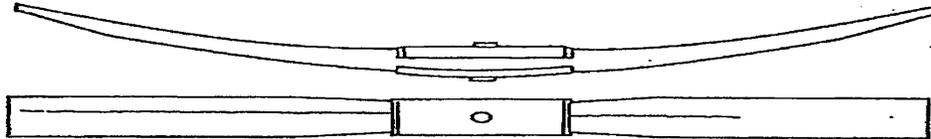
1. Intersecting cracks of any length. (393.207(c))
2. A crack that extends beyond 3/4 the length of the spring. (393.207(c))

Note: A crack is a separation in any axis which passes completely through the spring.

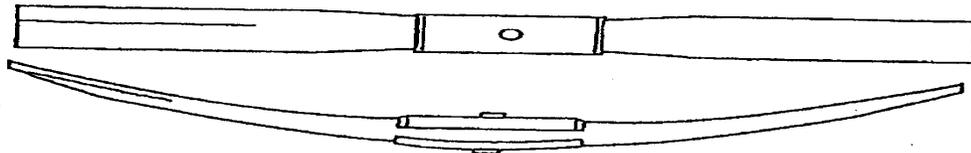
Out-of-Service Conditions



a) Side to side crack extending beyond 3/4 of the length of the spring. (A crack that extends beyond 3/4 the length of the spring.)



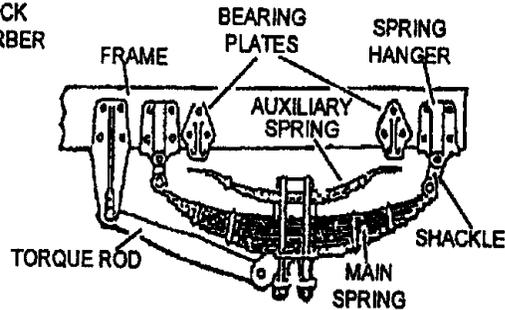
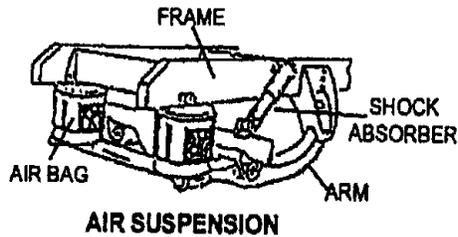
b) Top to bottom crack extending beyond 3/4 of the length of the spring. (A crack that extends beyond 3/4 the length of the spring.)

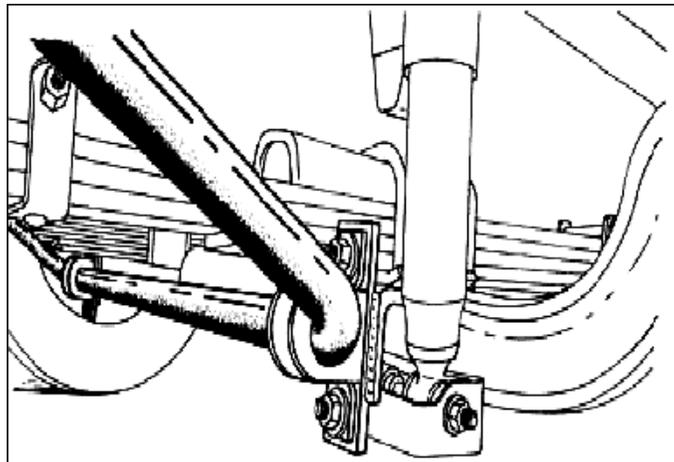
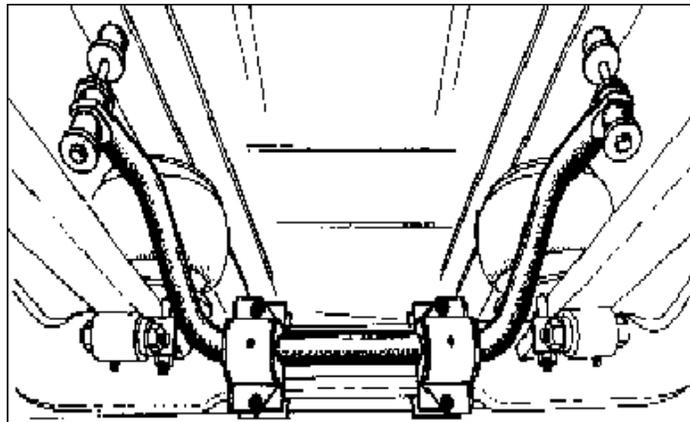
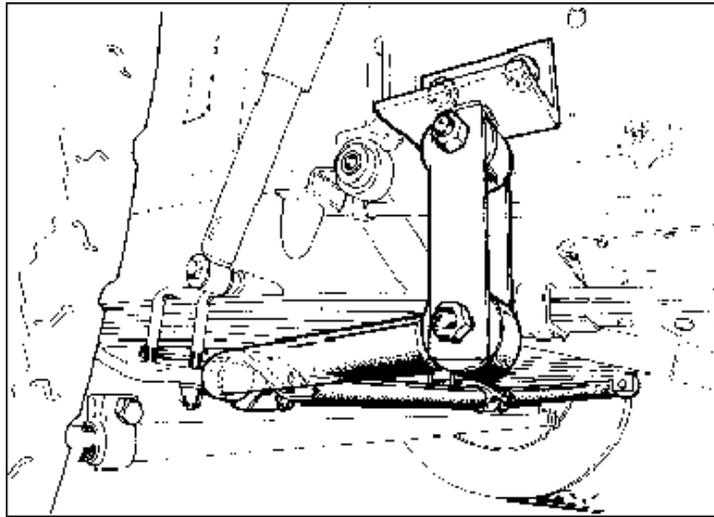


c) Intersecting cracks of any length.

D. TORQUE, RADIUS, OR TRACKING COMPONENTS:

1. Any part of a torque, radius, or tracking component assembly, or any part used for attaching same to the vehicle frame or axle that is cracked, loose, broken, or missing (including spring leaves used as a radius or torque rod, missing bushings but not loose bushings in torque or track rods). (393.207(a))





TIRES

A. ANY TIRE ON ANY FRONT STEERING AXLE:

1. With less than 4/32 inch tread when measured in any two adjacent major tread grooves (typically any groove containing a tread wear indicator) at any location on the tire. (393.75(b))
2. When any part of the belt material, breaker strip or casing ply is showing in the tread. (393.75(a))
3. When sidewall is cut, worn, or damaged to the extent that the steel or fabric ply cord is exposed. (393.75(a))
4. Labeled "Not For Highway Use" or carrying other markings which would exclude use on steering axles. (396.3(a)(1))
5. Visually observable bump, bulge, or knot apparently related to tread or sidewall separation. (393.75(a))

EXCEPTION: A bulge (due to a repair) of up to 3/8 inch (1 cm) in height is allowed. This bulge may sometimes be identified by a blue triangular label in the immediate vicinity.

6. Tire has noticeable (e.g., can be heard or felt) leak, or has 50% or less of the maximum inflation marked on the tire sidewall. (393.75(a)(3))
7. So mounted or inflated that it comes in contact with any part of the vehicle. (396.3(a)(1))
8. Front Steering Axle(s): Weight carried exceeds tire load limit. This includes overloading tire resulting from low air pressure. (393.75(f))
9. Any vehicle where bias and radial tires have been combined.
10. Any vehicle with regrooved, recapped, or retread tires. (393.75(d))

B. ALL TIRES OTHER THAN THOSE FOUND ON THE FRONT STEERING AXLE OF A POWERED VEHICLE:

1. Tire has noticeable (e.g., can be heard or felt) leak, or has 50% or less of the maximum inflation pressure marked on the tire sidewall. (393.75(a)(3))
2. Any tire with visually observable bump or knot apparently related to tread or sidewall separation. (396.3(a)(1))

EXCEPTION: A bulge due to a repair of up to 3/8 inch (1cm) in height is allowed. The bulge may sometimes be identified by a blue triangular label in the immediate vicinity.

3. So mounted or inflated that it comes in contact with any part of the vehicle. (This includes any tire contacting its mate in a dual set.) (396.3(a)(1))
4. Weight carried exceeds tire load limit. This includes overloaded tire resulting from low air pressure. (393.75(f))
5. Seventy-five percent or more of the tread width loose or missing, in excess of 12 inches (30 cm) in circumference. (396.3(a)(1))
6. **Bias Ply Tire:** When more than one ply is exposed in the tread area or sidewall or when the exposed area of the top ply exceeds 2 square inches (13 sq. cm). (393.75(a)(1))
7. **Radial Ply Tire:** When two or more plies are exposed in the tread area or damaged cords are evident in the sidewall, or when the exposed area exceeds 2 square inches (13 sq. cm.) in the sidewall. (393.75(a)(1))
8. So worn that less than 2.32 inch (.8mm) tread remains when measured in any two adjacent major tread grooves (typically any groove containing a tread wear indicator) or 3 separate locations on the tire. (Measurements should not be made on stone ejectors or tread wear indicator. (393.75(c))
9. Any vehicle where bias and radial tires have been combined.



WHEELS, RIMS, and HUBS

A. LOCK OR SIDE RING:

1. Bent, broken, cracked, improperly seated, sprung, or mismatched ring(s). (393.205(a))

B. RIM CRACKS:

1. Any circumferential crack except an intentional manufactured crack at a valve stem hole. (393.205(a))

C. DISC WHEEL CRACKS:

1. Any single crack 3 inches (76 mm) or more in length
2. A crack extending between any two holes including hand holes, stud holes and center holes.
3. Two or more cracks anyplace on the wheel. (393.205(a))

D. BOLT/STUD HOLES (DISC WHEELS):

1. Any visible elongated bolt/stud hole. (393.205(b))

E. SPOKE WHEEL CRACKS:

1. Two or more cracks more than 1 inch (25 mm) long across spoke or hub section. (393.205(a))
2. Two or more web areas with cracks. (393.205(a))

F. TUBELESS DEMOUNTABLE ADAPTER CRACKS:

1. A crack exceeding 3 inches (76mm). (393.205(a))

G. FASTENERS:

1. Loose, missing, broken, cracked, or stripped (both spoke and disc wheels) ineffective as follows: for 10 fastener positions - 3 anywhere or 2 adjacent; for 8 fastener positions or less (including spoke wheels and hub bolts) - 2 anywhere. (393.205(a))

H. WELDS:

1. Any cracks in welds attaching disc wheel disc to rim. (393.205(a))
2. Any crack in welds attaching tubeless demountable rim to adapter. (393.205(a))
3. Any welded repair on aluminum wheel(s) on a steering axle. (396.3(a)(1))
4. Any welded repair other than disc to rim attachment on steel disc wheel(s) mounted on the steering axle. (396.3(a)(1))

I. HUBS:

1. When any axle bearing (hub) cap, plug or filler plug is missing or broken allowing an open view into hub assembly. (396.3(a)(1) or 396.7)
2. Smoking from wheel hub assembly due to bearing failure. (396.3(a)(1) or 396.7)
3. When any wheel seal is leaking. This must include evidence of wet contamination of the brake friction material and accompanied by evidence that further leaking will occur. (393.3(a)(1) or (396.7).
4. No visible or measurable amount of lubricant showing in hub. (393.3(a)(1)) or (396.7)