



Department of Public Safety
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
 Driver and Vehicle Safety Division

Safety Inspection Guide: SCHOOL BUSES

The following components are included in the safety inspection of all school buses in the state of Missouri:

- *Air Pollution* - Missing, Inoperative, Other
- *Brakes* - Air Compressor, Emergency/Park, Hoses/Lines, Low Warning Device, Master Cylinder, Pedal Reserve, Vacuum Unit, Other
- *Bumpers* - Damaged, Missing, Other
- *Crossing Control Arm* - Inoperable, Missing (Unless exempted by section 304.050 RSMo)
- *Emergency Doors & Exits* - Buzzer, Lettering, Operation, Passageway, Other
- *Emergency Equipment* - First Aid Kit, Flares or Fuses, Fire Extinguisher
- *Exhaust System* - Exhaust Pipe, Manifold, Muffler, Supporting Hardware, Tail Pipe, Other
- *Fuel System* - Filler Cap Missing, Leaking, Other
- *Glazing* - Emergency Door, Service Door, Side Glasses, Windshield, Other
- *Hand Hold Grips/Handrails* - Damaged/Missing, Improper Mount, Other
- *Horn* - Operation, Other
- *Lettering & Signs* - Color, Lettering, Stop Signal Arm Operation, Other
- *Lighting & Signaling* - Clearance Lights, Headlights, Identification Lights, Side Marker Lights, Stop Arm Lights, Stoplights, Tail lights, Turn Signal Lights, Overhead Warning Flashers, Other
- *Miscellaneous* - Body Condition, Bus Color, Other
- *Mirrors* - Convex Crossview, Exterior Rearview, Interior Rearview, Other
- *Seats* - Mounting, Condition, Other
- *Service Door* - Flexible Material, Operation, Other
- *Steering & Suspension* - Ball Joints, Drag Link, Idler Arm, Jamming/Binding, King Pins, Pitman Arm, Power Steering, Springs, Shackles, Steering Wheel Play, Tie Rods, Torsion Bar, Wheel Play, Wheel Bearings, Other
- *Tires* - Damaged, Worn, Other
- *Treads and Mats* - Aisle Mats/Runners, Step Treads, Other
- *Wheels* - Damaged, Missing Lug Nut(s), Other
- *Windshield Wipers* - Operation, Wearing, Other

Patrol Inspections additionally include: Heating & Defrost, Frame, Special Service Doors, and Compartment Condition.