

SUBJECT: 10-Passenger Rated Vans

TO: ALL Second Stage Manufacturers Converting Vans
For K-12 Student Transportation in Kansas

Kansas state and federal law prohibits the use of 12 and 15 passenger rated vans for student transportation in Kansas. Currently no new vehicle manufacturer is producing a gas powered, 10 passenger rated van. An available option for Kansas schools to purchase a 10-passenger rated van is by using a reputable, licensed, second stage manufacturer.

A second stage manufacturer converting a van to a 10-passenger rating for a student transportation in Kansas, SHALL only convert a NEW VAN, still on a Manufacturers Certificate/Statement of Origin. The van may or may not have a passenger rating. The van SHALL be converted per ALL applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Federal and State Laws necessary to produce a 10-passenger rated van. The second stage manufacturer SHALL certify the passenger rating and apply the appropriate Tire and Load sticker prior to a Kansas school taking delivery.

A Kansas school SHALL NOT purchase or take possession of any van until the second stage manufacturer completes the work and applies the appropriate Tire and Load sticker with the 10-passenger rating per 49 CFR 571.110.

Please Note with NO Exceptions:

- The van SHALL be on the Manufacturers Certificate/Statement of Origin at the time of conversion
- The vehicle SHALL NOT be Used or Titled prior to the conversion
- The vehicle SHALL NOT have any attachment/access points and or tracks for additional passenger seats (excluding vans designed for wheelchairs)

Bear in mind all federal and state laws pertaining to the passenger rating of a van is necessary for legal and safe transportation of students. These requirements are paramount in the event the vehicle is involved in a crash.



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