

12 & 15 Passenger Rated Vans Information

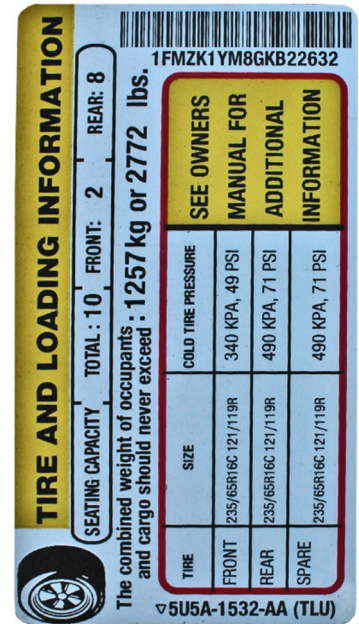
The use of 12 and 15 passenger rated vans for student transportation is illegal.

Kansas law KSA 72-64,100 prohibits the use of any passenger vehicle, for student transportation, which is rated for more than 10 passengers plus the driver by the manufacturer. Federal law also prohibits the use of these vans and contains substantial penalties for schools, rental agencies and vehicle dealerships.

The rated capacity can be found on the Tire and Loading Information sticker which is normally located on the inside driver's door.

The passenger rating is determined by the vehicle manufacturer and cannot be changed by anyone other than a manufacturer.

It is illegal for the school or anyone other than a manufacturer to remove seats from a van to meet the mandated passenger requirement for student transportation. This would apply to both a school and/or a dealership if the intention is to circumvent the mandated passenger rating for school transportation.



Van vs Bus

This is a Van



- A van will have a sliding or cargo style door for additional passenger entry
- 12 & 15 Passenger Rated Vans are illegal for student transportation

These are buses

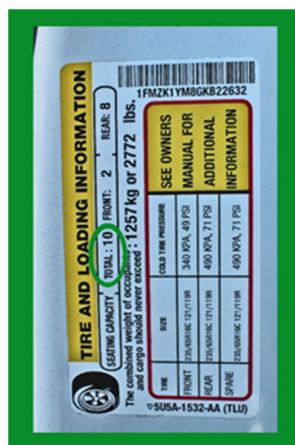


- A bus will have a service door and a stepwell for passenger entry
- Buses are rated for more than 10 passengers in addition to the driver
- Contact Keith or Dennis with questions

Tire & Load Stickers

Any VAN used for student transportation shall have a legible tire and load sticker applied by the manufacturer indicating a passenger rating of 10 passengers or less. 12 and 15 passenger rated vans are illegal for student transportation.

Note: The vehicle shall not have any attachment/access points and or tracks for additional passenger seats. This excludes vans designed for wheel chairs.



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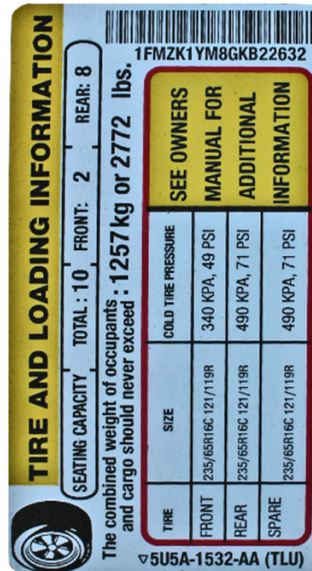
Second Stage Manufacturer/Converter

Currently no new vehicle manufacture is producing a gas powered, 10 passenger rated van. An available option for schools to purchase a 10 passenger rated van is by using a reputable, licensed, second stage manufacturer.



The second stage manufacturer takes a NEW VAN, still on a Manufacturers Certificate/ Statement of Origin, which may or may not have a passenger rating. Altering the vehicle per ALL applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Federal and State Laws necessary to produce a 10 passenger rated van. The second stage manufacturer then certifies the passenger rating and applies the appropriate Tire and Load sticker. The 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.

Bear in mind, federal and state laws pertaining to the passenger rating necessary for legal and safe transportation of students. The requirement for a reputable second stage manufacture is paramount in the event the vehicle is involved in a crash.



72-64,100. Transportation of pupils; use of school bus required; when. (a) Except as provided by subsection (b), any school district or nonpublic school transporting students in a vehicle designed for transporting more than 10 passengers in addition to the driver, shall transport such students in a school bus, as defined in subsection (g) of K.S.A. 72-6486, and amendments thereto, or in a bus other than a school bus designated in clauses (3) and (4) of subsection (c) of K.S.A. 72-6486, and amendments thereto.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any school district or nonpublic school which has purchased and has placed into operation prior to July 1, 2001, any motor vehicles designed for transporting more than 10 passengers, but less than 15 passengers, and is not a school bus, may continue to operate such motor vehicles for the purpose of transporting students until July 1, 2005.

History: L. 2001, ch. 142, § 1; July 1