

*Mass produced van or chassis* means a van or chassis that has or is projected to have an annual production rate of 20,000 or more units.

*Mass transportation service* means the operation of a vehicle which provides general or special service to the public on a regular and continuing basis.

*Modified mass-produced chassis or van* means a vehicle that is manufactured from an incomplete, partially assembled mass-produced chassis or van as provided by an OEM to a small bus manufacturer. This includes vehicles whose chassis structure has been modified to include: The addition of a tandem or tag axle; the installation of a drop or lowered floor; changes to the GVWR from the OEM rating; or other modifications that are *not* made in strict conformance with the OEM's modifications guidelines.

*New bus model* means a bus model which—

(1) Has not been used in mass transit service in the United States before October 1, 1988; or

(2) Has been used in such service but which after September 30, 1988, is being produced with a major change in configuration or components.

*Non-mass-produced chassis or van* means a vehicle that is manufactured from an incomplete, partially assembled chassis or van as provided by an OEM to a secondary small bus manufacturer, and where the annual production rate of the OEM chassis or van is less than 20,000 units.

*Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)* means the original manufacturer of a chassis or van supplied as a complete or incomplete vehicle to a small bus manufacturer.

*Partial testing* means the performance of those bus tests which may yield significantly different data from that obtained in previous bus testing conducted at the bus testing facility.

*Recipient* means an entity which receives funds under sections 3, 9, 16(b)(2), or 18 of the FT Act, either directly from FTA or through a State administering agency.

*Small bus manufacturer* means a secondary market assembler that acquires a chassis or van from an original equipment manufacturer for subsequent modification/assembly and sale as 5-

year/150,000-mile and/or 4-year/100,000-mile minimum service life vehicles.

*Test report* means the final document prepared by the operator of the bus testing facility stating the results of the tests performed on each bus.

*Unmodified mass-produced chassis* means a vehicle that is manufactured from an incomplete, partially assembled mass-produced chassis as provided by an OEM to a small bus manufacturer. This includes vehicles whose chassis structure has either not been modified, or is modified in strict conformance with the OEM's modification guidelines. The addition of a tandem or tag axle would exclude a bus model from this definition.

*Unmodified mass-produced van* means a vehicle that is mass-produced, complete and fully assembled as provided by an OEM. This includes vans with raised roofs, and/or wheelchair lifts, or ramps that are installed by the OEM, or by a party other than the OEM provided that the installation of these components is completed in strict conformance with the OEM modification guidelines.

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#### § 665.7 Grantee certification of compliance.

(a) In each application to the FTA for the purchase or lease of buses, a recipient shall certify that any new bus model, or any bus model with a major change in configuration or components, to be acquired or leased with funds obligated by the FTA after September 30, 1989, will be tested at the bus testing facility, and a test report provided before final acceptance of the first vehicle by the recipient.

(b) It is the responsibility of the recipient in dealing with a manufacturer, to determine whether a vehicle to be acquired is subject to these procedures.

### Subpart B—Bus Testing Procedures

#### § 665.11 Testing requirements.

(a) A new bus model to be tested at the bus testing facility shall—

- (1) Be a single model;
- (2) Meet all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, as defined by