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axle, transmission, suspension, or steering components;

(2) For those that are manufactured on a mass produced chassis, a change in the vehicle's chassis from one major design to another.

Major change in configuration means a change which may have a significant impact on vehicle handling and stability, or structural integrity.

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.

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Recipient means an entity which receives funds under sections 3, 9, 16(b)(2), or 18 of the FTA 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.