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mid-size buses, approximately 25–35 foot.

(5) Minimum service life of four years or 100,000 miles—typified by light duty small buses, cutaways, and modified vans, approximately 16–28 foot.

(f) Tests performed in a higher service life category (*i.e.*, longer service life) need not be repeated when the same bus model is used in lesser service life applications. However, the use of a bus model in a service life application higher than it has been tested for may make the bus subject to the bus testing requirements.

(g) The operator of the facility shall develop a test plan for the testing of vehicles at the facility, which generally follows the guidelines set forth in appendix A of this part.

§ 665.13 Test report and manufacturer certification.

(a) Upon completion of testing, the operator of the facility shall provide a test report to the entity that submitted the bus for testing.

(b)(1) A manufacturer of a new bus model or a bus produced with a major change in component or configuration shall provide a copy of the test report to a recipient during the point in the procurement process specified by the recipient.

(2) A manufacturer who releases a report under paragraph (b)(1) of this section also shall provide notice to the operator of the facility that the report is available to the public.

(c) If a bus model subject to a test report has a change that is not a major change under this part, the manufacturer shall advise the recipient during the procurement process and shall include description of the change and its basis for concluding that it is not a major change.

(d) A test report shall be available publicly once the owner of the report makes it available during the recipient's procurement process. The operator of the facility will have available for distribution copies of all the publicly available reports.

(e) The test report is the only information or documentation that will be made available publicly in connection with any bus model tested at the facility.

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Subpart C—Operations

§ 665.21 Scheduling.

(a) A manufacturer may schedule a vehicle for testing by contacting Penn State's Transportation Institute (PSTI) at the following address: The Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania Transportation Institute, Research Building B, University Park, PA 16802, (814) 863–1889.

(b) Upon contacting PSTI, the manufacturer will be provided the following:

(1) A draft contract for the testing;

(2) A fee schedule; and

(3) The draft test procedures that will be conducted on the vehicle.

(c) PSTI will provide final test procedures to be conducted on the vehicle at the time of contract execution.

(d) PSTI will process vehicles for testing in the order in which the contracts are signed.

§ 665.23 Fees.

(a) Fees charged by the operator are according to a schedule approved by the FTA, which include different fees for partial testing.

(b) Fees will be prorated for a vehicle withdrawn from the facility before the completion of testing.

§ 665.25 Transportation of vehicle.

A manufacturer is responsible for transporting its vehicle to and from the facility at the beginning and completion of the testing.

§ 665.27 Procedures during testing.

(a) The facility operator shall perform all testing, consistent with established procedures at the facility and with the test procedures provided to the manufacturer at the time of contract execution.

(b) The manufacturer of a bus being tested may terminate the test program at any time before the completion of testing, and shall be charged a fee for the tests performed.

(c) The operator shall perform all maintenance and repairs on the test vehicle, consistent with manufacturers specifications, unless the operator determines that the nature of the maintenance or repair is best performed by the manufacturer under the operator's supervision.