

Propane-Powered Vision



Technical Specification Highlights

Capacity	<i>Multiple floor plans available with passenger seating up to 77</i>	Transmission	<i>Allison® PTS 2300 Series</i>
Exterior Width	<i>96"</i>	Engine	<i>GM® 8.1L with LPI (Liquid Propane Injection) System, 330 hp</i>
Interior Width	<i>90 3/4"</i>	Tire Size	<i>11R22.5(G)</i>
Aisle Width	<i>Varies by floor plan</i>	Alternator	<i>200 amp</i>
Skirt Length	<i>16 1/4"</i>	Brakes	<i>Hydraulic disc brakes with 4-wheel anti-lock brakes</i>
Interior Headroom	<i>74" standard; 77" optional</i>	Suspension	<i>Front -8,000 lb. parabolic springs Rear -17,000 - 21,000 lb. 2-stage leaf springs (rating varies by wheelbase)</i>
Overall Height	<i>124" - 127"</i>	Steering	<i>TAS 55</i>
Wheelbase	<i>189" / 217" / 238" / 252" / 273"</i>	Front Axle	<i>12,000 lb.</i>
Fuel Tank	<i>Located between frame rails in rear overhang; range is comparable to a 60-gallon diesel tank</i>	Rear Axle	<i>21,000 lb.</i>
Entrance Door	<i>27" wide x 78" high / double "full view" outward opening</i>	Wheel Cut	<i>50°</i>
Rear Door	<i>37.7" wide x 52.5" high</i>		

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CHASSIS

- 50,000 psi steel frame rails 10 1/8" high x 3" flanges x 5/16" thick
- GM® 8.1L with LPI (Liquid Propane Injection) System: 330 horsepower
- Allison® automatic transmission, PTS 2300 Series
- Synthetic transmission fluid
- Fuel tank between frame rails in rear overhang; equivalent to 60 gallon diesel tank
- 200 amp alternator
- 11R22.5(G) tires
- Large, easy to read gauges
- 12,000 lb. front axle with 8,000 lb. parabolic spring suspension
- 21,000 lb. rear axle with a two-stage rear suspension system (rating varies by wheelbase)
- Blue Stripe rubber coolant hoses with constant torque clamps
- Hydraulic brake system
- Anti-lock brakes
- 15" steel front bumper
- "E-Z Adjust" tilt/telescoping steering column
- Three "Group 31" batteries
- "Huck Spin" fasteners on all permanent frame fixtures

DURABILITY

- All parts are pre-primed or thoroughly rust-proofed after fabrication and before assembly
- Entire underbody (body skirt and floor) is undercoated before mounting on chassis
- Exterior surfaces are painted with heat-cured polyurethane
- Interior surfaces are painted with high-quality, hot-sprayed, baked-on enamel
- 1/2" grade plywood for insulation of the floor
- 1/8" smooth black rubber flooring, 3/16" ribbed rubber aisle
- Goodyear Hi-Miler heater hose with constant torque clamps
- Blue Stripe rubber cooling hoses with constant torque clamps
- Synthetic transmission fluid
- 11R22.5(G) tires
- Spicer "lubed for life" driveline
- Rubber molded wheelhouse
- 12,000 lb front axle with 8,000 lb. parabolic spring suspension
- 21,000 lb. rear axle with a two-stage rear suspension system (rating varies by wheelbase)
- Side exhaust before rear wheels
- "Huck Spin" frame fasteners

STRENGTH

- 14-gauge steel, hat shaped posts and roof bows
- Rigid 16-gauge steel roof longitudinal internal structural members
- 16-gauge, channeled interior steel window headers
- A massive 16-gauge continuous belt of interior steel armor above and below floor line
- Riveted and welded construction
- Four full-length, 16-gauge exterior side rub rails
- 20-gauge fluted exterior side panels
- 22-gauge interior galvalume side panels
- 14-gauge steel floor panels
- 50,000 psi steel chassis frame, 5/16" inch thick with permanent fixtures and attached with "Huck Spin" fasteners



"E-Z Adjust" Steering Column



Redesigned Driver's Area

SAFETY

- 4-wheel anti-lock brakes
- Single halogen headlights
- Driver's three-point seat belt with adjustable 7 1/2" pillar loop
- "Full view" outward-opening entrance door with 1,350 square-inch tempered safety glass
- "Safety View" vision panel with a wide angle Fresnel lens for view of loading/unloading zone
- Best driver's line of sight in the school bus industry
- 50-degree wheel cut reduces need for backing
- 9" x 17" oval-shaped, flat and convex rearview mirrors
- 11" x 13" oval shape crossover mirrors with tinted band to reduce glare
- Electric horn with high and low note
- Blue Bird's unitized construction of the passenger compartment
- 15" steel front bumper, 12" steel rear bumper
- Side exhaust before rear wheels
- 8.25 x 22.5 Disc, hub-piloted steel wheels
- 11R22.5(G) tires

SERVICEABILITY

- Chassis multiplex wiring
- Large work space under hood
- Easy hood assist requires less than 10 lb. opening effort
- Body wiring terminal is easily accessible through exterior electrical compartment
- Wiring is color coded and continuously numbered for easy identification
- Automatic resetting circuit breakers for body wiring
- Tempered glass, split-sash windows
- Grease fittings on emergency door hinges
- Easy-opening, outward opening entrance door; features long-lasting, oil-impregnated, bronze pivotal bearings
- Body wiring is encased in "easy to access" ABS molding above passenger windows
- Side exit exhaust

COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

- 74" headroom at aisle, front to rear
- Split-sash, tempered windows
- Shaded windshield
- 90,000 btu front heater and defroster
- Power accessory socket for cellular phones, CB radios, etc.
- 1/2" plywood for insulation of the floor
- Full "panoramic" cockpit view
- Full body insulation
- Acoustic headlining (Driver's and 1st Sections)

DRIVER ERGONOMICS

- "Best in class" driver visibility
- 50-degree wheel cut reduces need for backing
- Power steering with "E-Z Adjust" tilt/telescoping column
- Large, easy to read gauges
- Backlit, easy to reach switch panel with rocker switches
- Electric, intermittent, single switch windshield wipers
- Manual "glide-type" outward opening door
- 3-point seat belt with 7 1/2" vertical adjustment
- National® fully adjustable driver's seat
- Cruise control
- Improved vision in loading zone with "Safety View" window and large glass paneled door
- New wraparound dash

OPTIONAL FEATURES

- Hendrickson® front and rear air ride suspension
- Electric, remote control and heated mirrors
- Laminated glass
- 77" headroom/12" split sash windows
- Dedicated door and wheelchair lifts, along with recessed wheelchair securements for special-needs passengers
- Underfloor luggage compartments with locking doors
- Tinted glass
- Mud flaps
- Vandal locks
- AM/FM/CD Radio with deluxe speakers
- Air brake system
- Bode® electric door
- 10,000 lb. front springs

DIMENSIONS

Headroom	74"
Width Exterior	96"
Width Interior	90 3/4"
Skirt Length	16 1/4"
Overall Length	289" - 471"
Overall Height	124" - 127"
Wheelbase/Passenger Capacity	189" = 48 217" = 54 238" = 60 252" = 66 273" = 72/77

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