

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, DOT**

**§ 387.39**

18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982” (Form MCS-90B) issued by an insurer(s); or

(2) A “Motor Carrier of Passengers Surety Bond for Public Liability Under Section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982” (Form MCS-82B) issued by a surety.

(e) The proof of minimum levels of financial responsibility required by this section shall be considered public information and be produced for review upon reasonable request by a member of the public.

(f) All passenger carrying vehicles operated within the United States by motor carriers domiciled in a contiguous foreign country, shall have on board the vehicle a legible copy, in English, of the proof of the required financial responsibility (Forms MCS-90B or MCS-82B) used by the motor carrier to comply with paragraph (d) of this section.

(g) Any motor vehicle in which there is no evidence of financial responsibility required by paragraph (f) of this section shall be denied entry into the United States.

[48 FR 52683, Nov. 21, 1983, as amended at 50 FR 7062, Feb. 20, 1985; 54 FR 49092, Nov. 29, 1989; 60 FR 38743, July 28, 1995]

**§ 387.33 Financial responsibility, minimum levels.**

The minimum levels of financial responsibility referred to in §387.31 of this subpart are hereby prescribed as follows:

SCHEDULE OF LIMITS

*Public Liability*

For-hire motor carriers of passengers operating in interstate or foreign commerce.

Vehicle seating capacity	Effective dates	
	Nov. 19, 1983	Nov. 19, 1985
(1) Any vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
(2) Any vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less <sup>1</sup>	750,000	1,500,000

<sup>1</sup> Except as provided in § 387.27(b).

**§ 387.35 State authority and designation of agent.**

A policy of insurance or surety bond does not satisfy the financial responsibility requirements of this subpart unless the insurer or surety furnishing the policy or bond is—

(a) Legally authorized to issue such policies or bonds in each State in which the motor carrier operates, or

(b) Legally authorized to issue such policies or bonds in the State in which the motor carrier has its principal place of business or domicile, and is willing to designate a person upon whom process, issued by or under the authority of any court having jurisdiction of the subject matter, may be served in any proceeding at law or equity brought in any State in which the motor carrier operates; or

(c) Legally authorized to issue such policies or bonds in any State of the United States and eligible as an excess or surplus lines insurer in any State in which business is written, and is willing to designate a person upon whom process, issued by or under the authority of any court having jurisdiction of the subject matter, may be served in any proceeding at law or equity brought in any State in which the motor carrier operates..

**§ 387.37 Fiduciaries.**

The coverage of fiduciaries shall attach at the moment of succession of such fiduciaries.

**§ 387.39 Forms.**

Endorsements for policies of insurance (Illustration I) and surety bonds (Illustration II) must be in the form prescribed by the FMCSA and approved by the OMB. Endorsements to policies of insurance and surety bonds shall specify that coverage thereunder will remain in effect continuously until terminated, as required in §387.31 of this subpart. The continuous coverage requirement does not apply to Mexican motor carriers insured under §387.31(b)(3) of this subpart. The endorsement and surety bond shall be issued in the exact name of the motor carrier.



Expiration Date  
Form Approved  
OMB No.

**ENDORSEMENT FOR  
MOTOR CARRIER POLICIES OF INSURANCE FOR PUBLIC LIABILITY  
UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE BUS REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1982**

Issued to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_  
 Amending Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 Countersigned by \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Company Representative

The policy to which this endorsement is attached provides primary or excess insurance, as indicated by "☒", for the limits shown:  
 This insurance is primary and the company shall not be liable for amounts in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each accident.  
 This insurance is excess and the company shall not be liable for amounts in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each accident in excess of the underlying limit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each accident.

Whenever required by the Bureau or the ICC, the company agrees to furnish the Bureau or the ICC a duplicate of said policy and all its endorsements. The company also agrees, upon telephone request by an authorized representative of the Bureau or the ICC, to verify that the policy is in force as of a particular date. The telephone number to call is: \_\_\_\_\_

Cancellation of this endorsement may be effected by the company or the insured by giving (1) thirty-five (35) days notice in writing to the other party (said 35 days notice to commence from the date the notice is mailed, proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice), and (2) if the insured is subject to the ICC's jurisdiction, by providing thirty (30) days notice to the ICC (said 30 days notice to commence from the date the notice is received by the ICC at its office in Washington, D.C.).

**DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS ENDORSEMENT**

**ACCIDENT** includes continuous or repeated exposure to conditions which results in Public Liability which the insured neither expected nor intended.  
**MOTOR CARRIER** means a for-hire carrier of passengers by motor vehicle.

**BODILY INJURY** means injury to the body, sickness, or disease to any person, including death resulting from any of these.  
**PROPERTY DAMAGE** means damage to or loss of use of tangible property.

The insurance policy to which this endorsement is attached provides automobile liability insurance and is amended to assure compliance by the insured, within the limits stated herein, as a for-hire motor carrier of passengers with Section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 and the rules and regulations of the Federal Highway Administration's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety (Bureau) and the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC).  
**PUBLIC LIABILITY** means liability for bodily injury or property damage.

In consideration of the premium stated in the policy to which this endorsement is attached, the insurer (the company) agrees to pay, within the limits of liability described herein, any final judgment recovered against the insured for public liability resulting from negligence in the operation, maintenance or use of motor vehicles subject to financial responsibility requirements of Section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 regardless of whether or not each motor vehicle is specifically described in the policy and whether or not such negligence occurs on any route or in any territory authorized to be served by the insured or elsewhere. Such insurance as is afforded, for public liability, does not apply to injury to or death of the insured's employees while engaged in the course of their employment, or property transported by the insured, designated as cargo. It is understood and agreed that no condition, provision, stipulation, or limitation contained in the policy, this endorsement, or any other endorsement thereon, or violation thereof, shall relieve the company from liability or from the payment of any final judgment, within the limits of liability herein described, irrespective of the financial condition, insolvency or bankruptcy of the insured. However, all terms, conditions, and limitations in the policy to which the endorsement is attached shall remain in full force and effect as binding between the insured and the company. The insured agrees to reimburse the company for any payment made by the company on account of any accident, claim, or suit involving a breach of the terms of the policy, and for any payment that the company would not have been obligated to make under the provisions of the policy except for the agreement contained in this endorsement.

It is further understood and agreed that, upon failure of the company to pay any final judgment recovered against the insured as provided herein, the judgment creditor may maintain an action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the company to compel such payment.

The limits of the company's liability for the amounts prescribed in this endorsement apply separately to each accident and any payment under the policy because of any one accident shall not operate to reduce the liability of the company for the payment of final judgments resulting from any other accident.

The Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 requires limits of financial responsibility according to vehicle seating capacity. It is the MOTOR CARRIER'S obligation to obtain the required limits of financial responsibility.  
**THE SCHEDULE OF LIMITS SHOWN ON THE REVERSE SIDE DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE.**  
 The limits shown in the schedule are for information purposes only.

**SCHEDULE OF LIMITS**

For-hire motor carriers of passengers operating in interstate or foreign commerce

Vehicle Seating Capacity	Effective Dates	
	Nov. 18, 1983	Nov. 18, 1985
(1) Any vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more.	\$2,600,000	\$5,000,000
(2) Any vehicle with a seating capacity of 15 passengers or less.	\$ 750,000	\$1,500,000



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MOTOR CARRIER PUBLIC LIABILITY SURETY BOND UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE BUS REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 1982

PARTIES

Surety Company and Principal Place of Business Address

Motor Carrier Principal, I.C.C. Docket No., and Principal Place of Business Address

Blank lines for entering party information.

PURPOSE

This is an agreement between the Surety and the Principal under which the Surety, its successors and assigns, agree to be responsible for the payment of any final judgment or judgments against the Principal for public liability and property damage claims in the sums prescribed herein, subject to the governing provisions and following conditions.

GOVERNING PROVISIONS

- (1) Section 18 of the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982
(2) Rules and regulations of the Federal Highway Administration's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety (Bureau)
(3) Rules and regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)

CONDITIONS

The Principal is or intends to become a motor carrier of passengers subject to the applicable governing provisions relating to financial responsibility for the protection of the public.

This bond assures compliance by the Principal with the applicable governing provisions, and shall inure to the benefit of any person or persons who shall recover a final judgment or judgments against the Principal for public liability or property damage claims (excluding injury to or death of the Principal's employees while engaged in the course of their employment, and loss of or damage to property of the Principal, and the cargo transported by the Principal).

Within the limits described herein, the Surety extends to such losses regardless of whether such motor vehicles are specifically described herein and whether occurring on the route or in the territory authorized to be served by the Principal or elsewhere.

The liability of the Surety for each motor vehicle subject to the applicable governing provisions for each accident shall not exceed \$ \_\_\_\_\_, and shall be a continuing one notwithstanding any recovery thereunder.

The surety agrees, upon telephone request by an authorized representative of the Bureau or ICC, to verify that the surety bond is in force as of a particular date. The telephone number to call is: \_\_\_\_\_.

This bond is effective from \_\_\_\_\_ (12:01 a.m., standard time, at the address of the Principal as stated herein) and shall continue in force until terminated as described herein. The Principal or the Surety may at any time terminate this bond by giving (1) thirty five (35) days notice in writing to the other party (said 35 days notice to commence from the date the notice is mailed, proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice), and (2) if the Principal is subject to the ICC's jurisdiction, by providing thirty (30) days notice to the ICC (said 30 days notice to commence from the date notice is received by the ICC at its office in Washington, D.C.).

Blank lines for Date, Surety, City, State, and By.

(AFFIX CORPORATE SEAL)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, before me personally came \_\_\_\_\_ who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides in \_\_\_\_\_; that he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order of the board of directors of said corporation; that he signed his name thereto by like order, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for an on behalf of said corporation.

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Title of official administering oath

Surety Company File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Form MCS-82B (11-83)

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