

Executive Summary of:

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Freedman Summary:

- Changes will be effective September 1, 2020.
- CMVSS 208 Occupant Protection in Frontal Impacts – The new rule will require Type 2 (shoulder and lap) seat belts at all occupant positions in all buses except for school, transit, prison, and perimeter seating buses. A bus is defined as a vehicle having a designated seating capacity of more than 10.
- Side-facing seats must have either a Type 2 or Type 1 (lap) seat belt.
- CMVSS 210 references TSD (Technical Standards Document) 210 Seat Belt Anchorages – This section specifies the necessary requirements for seat belts that are optionally installed on school buses. Seat belts must be Type 2.
- CMVSS 222 School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection – This section specifies if a school bus is equipped with a seat belt assembly at a rear designated seating position then it must be a Type 2 seat belt and it must conform to the requirements of TSD 222.
- Also, the following is not a new change in the Canadian regulations, but it is a different requirement from FMVSS. With respect to TSD 207 Anchorage of Seats – the center of gravity load of 20 times the weight of the seat assembly is not required during a CMVSS 210 test for side-facing seats or a passenger seat on a bus.
- It is concluded that Freedman Seating seats, as currently built, comply with all the new CMVSS requirements.

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