

**FLEXIBLE,
EFFECTIVE,
DEPENDABLE**



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The Friendly Bus is here!

If your transportation mandate includes accessible transit then American Bus Products wants to meet you, discuss your needs and let you try and use one of our demonstrator buses. You won't be disappointed!

ALTOONA TESTED ...

The Friendly Bus is ADA Compliant and has been 7 year/200,000 mile ALTOONA tested. On May 11th, 2007 a model Low Floor Friendly Bus, diesel-powered, 14 seat (including the driver) 28 foot-bus, was submitted for a 7 yr/200,000 mile STURAA test, and was completed on September 7th, 2007.

The test results noted a high degree of acceptable performance in all rated areas. Accessibility was adequate, components encountered during testing were found to be readily accessible and no restrictions were noted. Reliability and Structural Durability were excellent as the bus encountered no Class 1 or Class 2 failures. (which are serious component failures).

Flexible, because the design provides a variety of floor configurations with easy on/easy off access for all passengers and can be serviced at Ford Dealerships

Effective, because the simple design has no steps or complicated lifts and focuses on client dignity and independence.

Dependable, because it was designed to meet the needs of both transportation providers and their passengers in a safe and comfortable vehicle.

The Safety Test, (a double-lane change, obstacle avoidance test) was safely performed in both right-hand and left-hand directions up to a maximum test speed of 45 mph. The average time to obtain 50 mph was 20.95 seconds. The Shakedown Test and the Distortion Test were completed with all subsystems, doors and escape mechanisms operating properly. No water leakage was observed throughout the test.

A Fuel Economy Test was also run on simulated commuter course producing 13.74 mpg.

Complete details of the test and results can be found online at www.americanbusproducts.com.

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2008 shaping up to be busy year!

In 2007 The Friendly Bus made it's way to Hawaii as the City of Honolulu took delivery of 3 buses to service their famous Wiki Wiki Shuttle at the Honolulu Airport. Additional orders in Hawaii are pending. Another 12 units are currently in

production for future delivery.

The Friendly Bus, after completing Altoona testing has now gone on to additional grounds up testing as components on both body and chassis are being submitted to specific in-vehicle tests.

The result will be a fully certified, grounds up tested vehicle that exceeds the minimum FMVSS standards that it already meets. The testing will also be used to gain complete CMVSS certification in Canada. All testing should be complete by

the end of February.

Major, multiple unit bids have been or are being released in 2008 and American Bus Products expects to successfully respond to a large majority of these bids, most of which are related to door to door services

rather than fixed route transit services. Orders are now actively being taken and production slots are available to meet most order needs, including short order cycles that can be filled from stock chassis in inventory.

Demonstrator buses

are available for use throughout the United States and Canada. Contact us at 1 866-569-8059 to enquire and arrange a visit to your site. We look forward to the opportunity to explore if The Friendly Bus is right for you.



Three Friendly Buses were recently delivered to Hawaii and are now in service for the Honolulu Airport's Wiki Wiki Shuttle service.

Note that the buses have doors on both sides of the bus body to accommodate the unusual loading situation required by this service. Floor plans for the Friendly Bus can be customized to meet your specific needs, including rear entrance doors.



American Bus Products team up with Dallas Smith Corp.

In 2007 American Bus Products became the exclusive distributor for The Friendly Bus(r) after signing a 5 year supply and distribution agreement with product designer Dallas Smith Corp. Dallas Smith worked closely with Roush Engineering (one of Fords main Engineering suppliers) to maintain the integrity of the Ford F450 design and components to ensure that no existing components were compromised while new components were integrated. Specifically the chassis conversion to front wheel drive, low floor and independent rear wheel suspension has created a whole new chassis, yet it is still supported by Ford. All Ford components remain under the domain of Fords OEM warranty. Proprietary components added are actually quite minimal. The key platform for being able to create the low floor chassis is

Dallas Smith's patented Axleless Suspension.

In 1988, Dallas Smith invented the Axleless(r) L o - F l o o r (t m) Suspension to provide auto transporters with the ability to haul more vehicles. The suspension system quickly found it's way to numerous other applications and has now been on the road in almost every imaginable application for more than 15 years.

And after working with companies like Ford, Roush & BAE Systems, Dallas Smith Corp. created the low floor option on the Ford F-Series Super Duty platform. The technology has been opened to a range of front-wheel drive applications such as: buses, book mobiles, emergency response vehicles, cargo trucks, delivery trucks, beverage trucks, utility trucks, and much more.

American Bus Products Inc. is a related entity to a larger



Harry Dixon

dealership organization that represents several brands under various dealer banners across the United States and Canada.

The sales team consists of 2 seasoned veterans in Harry Dixon and Garry Ladner. Harry has over 18 years of experience in the transit industry, with 13 years involved in the direct sales, marketing and servicing of low floor transit buses across North America. He has made significant contributions towards



Garry Ladner

numerous committees and legislative activities promoting standards within the transit industry. Harry has account responsibility for transit systems and related organizations based in the United States.

Garry handles the Canadian market and has 27 years of experience in selling & promoting buses. For the past 19 years he has been involved exclusively in the sales of various low floor, small, and mid size transit buses. Our Service and



Colin Hooper

Training Department is headed by Colin Hooper (CAE, MIMI). Colin's team of professional advisors, technicians and warranty administrators are available to look after all your service and training needs.

The Friendly Bus support is headed up by Mark Siemonsen (P.Eng., M.B.A., B.Ed.) who is the Customer Service Field Rep. Mark and his group are responsible for integrating the Friendly Bus into your fleet. He will visit your site and train



Mark Siemonsen

your team on proper procedures relating to maintenance, warranty and other logistics issues. He will be your first line of contact after you receive delivery of your vehicle and will be there to get you answers to your questions and find solutions to your problems.

Parts are handled through our parts phone center where parts professionals are available to assist you with all your needs.

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Your Friendly Bus Parts Team - 1-800-201-8589



The Friendly Bus®



Independent Rear Axless Suspension

Flexibility between cab and body

Front Wheel Drive Axle



Easy Access Ramp available in manual or automatic types

Features & Value Added Benefits

- Easy on/easy off boarding and exiting
- No-hassle ramp operates hydraulically or manually
- Equal access...independence and dignity for all
- Side and rear kneeling when required
- Decreased boarding times for maximum route efficiency
- Vehicle servicing available at local Ford Dealerships
- Meets The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications.
- Emergency exiting procedures are fast
- Vehicle comfort and visible window views
- Stable ride due to wide stance and independent suspension
- Full time front wheel drive
- Gas or diesel engine option
- Flexible floor configurations



Easy Access: Friendly and Flexible

Destination sign access



Galvanized Low Floor "Z" frame with axeless rear suspension



Easy access from from street or level entry from curb



34" wide powered or manual ramps available



Alternate rear loading ramp available

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