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2024 GMC COLLINS

VEHICLE BOOKLET

Your opportunity to elevate your childcare center's transportation is now! Don't miss your chance to upgrade your center's fleet and provide a safe, reliable, and joyful transportation experience for your little passengers.

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2024 GMC COLLINS FEATURES



Rearview mirror equipped with a built-in backup camera display. Activates when the vehicle is shifted into reverse. It shows the live feed from the rear-mounted camera, allowing the driver to see what is directly behind the vehicle.



Pebble tread step reduces slipping and provides more traction when entering and exiting



Flexible seating options with a roomy interior sitting at 67.8" head room!



Let the Child Check-Mate System remind your drivers to search their vehicle for sleeping children after each and every trip. This great option forces the driver to go to the back of the bus and push the button, which will allow them to see children that might be left on the bus.



LATCH stands for Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children. LATCH includes two lower anchor attachments AND a top tether. The term is often used generically to refer only to the pair of fixed lower anchors built into the bight or crack between the seat back and seat cushion. These anchors are specifically designed for car seat installation. When used, seatbelts are no longer necessary to install the car seat. The idea is to make it easier to install car seats safely, and to make it more universal among car seats and vehicles.



60,000 BTU rear heater heats up the bus much faster on those cold mornings!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

“ARE 15 PASSENGER VANS REALLY THAT UNSAFE?”

Here are some facts that will help you decide for yourself

- The National Transportation Safety Board has taken a strong stance against the use of these vehicles.
- It is actually "illegal" for a dealership to sell a new 15 passenger van to any school (public or private) or church for the purpose of transporting students.
- Hundreds of people have died in the past 20 years in van roll-over accidents.
- There is no structural support in the roof of a van. In the event of a roll-over accident, these vehicles will "cave in," crushing the passengers.
- Many insurance companies will no longer insure these vans.

“WHAT CAN I DO WITH THE VANS MY CENTER IS CURRENTLY USING?”

We accept trade-ins. We will appraise your vehicles and give you the option to trade them in toward the purchase of new activity safety vehicles.

“CAN YOU DEFINE A MFSAB IN SIMPLE TERMS?”

The “multifunction school activity bus” (MFSAB) is designed to provide all of the crash safety standards that are found on a traditional school bus, but without the stop-sign arm and warning lights that traditional school buses need for frequent pick-up and drop-off at school bus stops. Thus, the vehicles in this category conform with all FMVSS requirements for school bus structural and crash standards, but are not required to have specialized warning devices such as stop signs and warning lights, and they are not required to be painted a specific color (i.e. School bus yellow).

“DOES THE ULTIMATE CHILDCARE BUS HAVE AIR CONDITIONING OR DO I HAVE TO PAY EXTRA?”

The bus will include in the price a front dash with rear in wall air conditioning with skirt mounted condenser 55,000 BTU total which gives you the most efficient way to cool a hot bus whether you are in the hot south or in the northern summers. Bus also has a dash A/C for the driver.

“DOES THE BUS HAVE ADEQUATE HEATING?”

Yes the bus has an under seat 60,000 BTU rear heater to ensure the children are kept warm while being transported to and from school and related activities. Driver dash heat and defroster is standard.

“I AM USED TO DRIVING A VAN; HOW COMFORTABLE WILL I BE DRIVING THIS VEHICLE?”

Our bus has great visibility and handles just like a van – if you can drive a van you can drive this bus. The body of the bus is no wider than a van.

“WHAT IS THE MANUFACTURES WARRANTY FOR THE BUS?”

A. For a period of five (5) years from the date of delivery or 100,000 miles, whichever occurs first, Collins warrants the: body shell (including structural metal components welded or riveted together forming the to be free from defects in structural integrity, including rust-through. School bus seat frames and barrier frames to be free from defects in structural integrity.

B. For a period of two (2) years from the date of delivery or 24,000 miles, whichever occurs first, Collins warrants all other components manufactured by collins. For a period of one (1) year from the date of delivery or 12,000 miles, whichever occurs first, Collins warrants all other components not covered by a and b above, except for the chassis, the wheelchair lift (if applicable) and the air conditioner system which are warranted by their manufacturers with copies of said warranties supplied with each new bus.

“WHERE CAN I GET WARRANTY WORK DONE?”

Chassis work can be done at any dealership (of that manufacturer) in the country. If you have a problem with something other than the chassis you simply contact us or call our toll-free number (866) 4-BUS-DOC and speak to someone in our warranty or service department. We will refer you to the nearest shop that specializes in that type of repair. (example: we want glass to be repaired by someone who specializes in glass repair.)

“DO YOU OFFER FINANCING AND LEASING PROGRAMS?”

Yes, we have multiple lending partners with programs that can be customized to fit any budget. Competitive rates and terms from 24-72 months are available. Leasing is a great option for customers wanting newer equipment in their fleet with the latest safety features and warranty coverage. Be sure to look at our attractive lease rates.

“WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A LEASE OR FINANCING FOR A NEW BUS?”

Our seamless process includes obtaining credit approval from our lending partners, and completion of our lease or finance agreement. Our child care sales team will walk you through each step of the process.

“I RUN A SMALL CENTER AND HAVE LIMITED FUNDS. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?”

We have very attractive leasing-financing options to fit your budget. We also have a large selection of used childcare buses.

“HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET A NEW BUS FROM START TO FINISH?”

If the bus you are buying is in stock it typically takes about 2-3 weeks after you have credit approval and have signed and returned all documents pertaining to your transaction. The graphics can take up to 1 week from the date we have your signed layout approval. All buses we have in stock are subject to availability and prior sale.

“ONCE I DECIDE TO PURCHASE OR LEASE A BUS HOW DO I OBTAIN IT?”

Option 1 - if you choose, you may fly in to either Chicago O'hare or Chicago Midway airport. Upon arriving, one of our courtesy drivers will pick you up, free of charge, from the airport and drive you to Kankakee, IL where you can pick up your bus and drive it home.

Option 2 - if you are leasing the bus though a financial partner you can add the delivery cost into your lease and a delivery company you choose will work with our expert staff to get the bus to your location.

Option 3 – another option is for you to coordinate with a delivery service of your choosing, make arrangements with them and have them bring your bus to your location. (note: if you use a delivery service, the mileage to your location will not count against your lease mileage limit). When you contact a delivery service tell them you need a quote to drive or truck your bus from Kankakee, IL 60901 to a location of your choice.