

# A Safer Choice Has Just Arrived



## THE COLLINS CHILD CARE BUS

What is the safety of your kids worth? With the reinforced, galvanized steel body, for school bus-like protection in both head-on and side collisions, the Collins Child Care Bus gives you peace of mind knowing you're giving your kids the safest ride possible.

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Low profile of a van - safety of a school bus

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Variety of models, floor plans and seating options

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Dura-Door™ power door opener

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Meets all FMVSS standards

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# The Low Profile of a Van - The Safety of a School Bus

With legislative changes for safety pending, child care administrators have two choices. Either wait for the federal government to force the retirement of non-conforming vans, or begin converting fleets right now.



## EVERYONE WINS WITH SAFETY.

It should never take a tragedy. But, all too often, calling national attention to important safety issues takes just that. In 1994, six-year-old Jacob Strebler was killed when a truck driver ran a red light and crashed into a non-conforming van operated by a Private School in Columbia, South Carolina.

The National Traffic Motor Vehicle Safety Act, passed in 1974, specifically prohibits the sale of large passenger vans to schools for use in transporting children. In most cases, these vans were originally designed to haul large cargo, not people. So they don't have to pass the same government safety tests that passenger vehicles do.

The media attention generated by the Strebler case, which included a special feature on NBC's Dateline, has resonated in the political arena as well. Senator John McCain - chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee - has publicly mounted a campaign to help retire non-conforming vans.

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AND FEATURES. VAN MANEUVERABILITY AND CONVENIENCE.

Collins builds the Collins Child Care Bus from the chassis up, engineering safety into every square millimeter. Available in single rear-wheel 9,600 lb. GVW, it features a reinforced, galvanized steel body, for bus-like protection in both head-on and side collisions. It also offers a smoother, sturdier ride, for added comfort and safety, with special child restraint seats to protect your precious passengers.



Steel construction safety cage for added strength and peace of mind

# Ride with us on the Safety Bandwagon Now.

## THE PRICE OF SAFETY.

Perhaps the biggest surprise to money-conscious child care administrators is how little price difference there is between an unsafe van and the ultra-safe Collins Child Care Bus. The Collins Child Care Bus costs about 10% more than a van, but the advantages far outweigh the expense. You see, the Collins Child Care Bus life expectancy is substantially longer than a van, giving you additional service life and the peace of mind knowing you're giving your kids the safest ride possible - all while protecting your administration from potential liability in the event of an accident involving a non-conforming van.

In addition, you can get the protection of a Collins' 5-year body warranty and a lifetime paint warranty to your investment.

## OPTIONS FOR EVERY REQUIREMENT.

Everything you could imagine in the largest and best school buses, and many things you can only get in a plush conversion van.



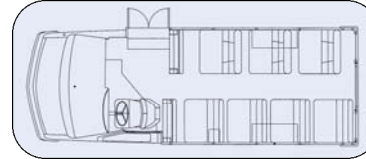
There are a number of options available

## DRIVER FRIENDLY.

For all of its enhanced safety and comfort, the Collins Child Care Bus is still a Type A-II school bus. And under most state laws, anyone with a regular driver's license can operate them. You get all the safety of a small school bus, while avoiding the added expense of hiring additional commercial drivers.

## FLEXIBLE FLOOR PLAN.

This floor plan illus-



trates the flexibility of combination seating. By using child restraint seats on the curb side, the Collins Child Care Bus can accommodate eight passengers and three child restraint seats or 14 total passengers.

## DURA-DOOR™

One of the biggest complaints from bus drivers is the continued operation of the double-out door. That's why the engineers at Collins Bus have designed a power door system that solves this problem. This proprietary air cushioned door enables a driver to simply push a button to operate the doors. It features maintenance-free design with no electric motors or gears, easy push-button technology, emergency manual back-up system and substantially reduces driver fatigue.



## WHY COLLINS?

Collins Bus Corporation has been the leading small school bus provider in the industry for 30 years. In fact, we invented the first small bus under 10,000 lb. GVW. Best of all, it meets all National Transportation Safety Board highway safety requirements. We believe choosing Collins Bus is one of the safest and best decisions you could ever make. Call toll-free at 1-800-354-9802 or visit our website at [www.collinsbus.com](http://www.collinsbus.com)

## STANDARD CHASSIS

### EQUIPMENT

Chevrolet or Ford  
(commercial single rear wheel)  
139" wheelbase (Chevy)  
138" wheelbase (Ford)  
4.8Lgasoline engine (Chevy)  
5.4Lgasoline or 7.3Lpower stroke diesel (Ford)  
9,600 lb. GVW  
Standard model trim  
Gray vinyl highback bucket driver's seat w/reclining seat back  
4-speed automatic overdrive transmission  
33-gallon fuel tank (Chevy)  
37-gallon fuel tank (Ford)  
Power brakes with 4-wheel antilock  
Trip odometer  
Power steering  
School bus prep package  
Black painted front bumper  
Tinted windshield  
Front stabilizer bar  
130 amp alternator  
Intermittent wipers  
Daytime running lights (Chevy)  
Rear axle ratio 4.10  
LT245/75Rall season tires

## STANDARD BODY

### EQUIPMENT

All galvanized steel body  
24" x 70" double leaf entry door  
Positive over-center locking door control  
11" inch entry step height  
Step-well light  
78" interior width  
65" interior height  
1/2" plywood floor  
Cove molding  
Black rubber flooring with ribbed center aisle  
36" X50" rear emergency door with upper glass and warning buzzer  
Four dome lights  
Seven inch stop/tail lights  
Four inch flush backup lights  
Gray trim and seating material  
FMVSSrear view and crossover mirrors  
Black wrap-around anti-ride rear bumper  
Full view one-piece transition glass  
Headbumpers over emergency door and passenger entry door

## POPULAR

### OPTIONS

Child restraint seats  
Fire block upholstery  
Kickout windows  
Roof escape hatch  
Rear heater  
Front and rear air conditioning  
Safety equipment (fire extinguisher, first aid kits, triangles)  
Backup alarm  
Electric stop arm  
Dura-Ride® air cushioned power door  
Dura-Flash® self-diagnostic circuit board  
Lower window in emergency door  
Interior mirrors  
AM/FMstereo radio  
PA system  
Spare tire  
Rubrails at window &skirt level  
5/8" plywood floor  
Colored rubber flooring (gray)  
Static roof vent  
Vandal lock on emergency door  
Dark tinted windows  
18" or 30" safety seats (crash test certified)  
Custom body paint colors  
Custom graphics and lettering

## STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

	Chevy	Ford
Maximum passenger capacity	14	14
Interior height at aisle	65"	65"
Interior height at sidewall	62"	62"
Interior width	78"	78"
Entrance door (w x h)	24" x 70"	24" x 70"
Entrance step from ground	11"	11"
Emergency door (w x h)	36" x 50"	36" x 50"
Overall height	100"	100"
Overall width (excluding mirrors)	82"	82"
Overall length	239"	228"
Passenger compartment length	134"	134"



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