

STUDENT DRAGGING

As we are sure everyone is aware, there have been 3 recent incidents where children have been "dragged" and New York Bus Sales is well aware of the magnitude of this issue and while the basic resolution may well be driver training, there is something which might also deter the incident. While we are unaware of the specifics with any of these incidents, we thought that we would make you aware of something that we are doing to hopefully help deter further incidents as this from happening.

There is an option for a "Brake Interlock" which basically applies the service brakes when the entrance door is open as a precaution from the unit "rolling" while students are loading or unloading. Currently the system with air doors is tied into an air pressure switch and when there is a change in pressure the brakes are either engaged or disengaged depending on the "Door" switch. We have added a manual switch to the forward door which has allowed us to adjust the "distance" in between the leaves of the door to disengage the Brake Interlock. This allows a maximum distance of about 1-1/2" between the leaves as shown in Figure #1 and Figure #2. For those who are unaware of exactly how the system works, the LCD screen on the dash cluster normally reads as in Figure #3, when the Brake Interlock is engaged due to the door being open the LCD screen reads as in Figure #4. We realize that the distance between the leaves is not optimal, but if a child's back pack or bulky winter jacket were to become caught in the door this added feature might save a child from being unnecessarily dragged!

PLEASE NOTE -

Whereas our desire was to attempt to have a gap much less than the 1-1/2", we could not make a setup we felt was robust enough to withstand the usage an entrance door receives daily and it would increase maintenance issues!

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Figure #1 Figure #2





Figure #3 Figure #4



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