
IFB #22IFB250

Inquiries submitted regarding the South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) Responses

1. Category A and B are 130" WB vans which Ford no longer makes as passenger wagons they only offer it in a cargo van

SDDOT Response: Categories A & B will be removed from the description of work.

2. Request to add 1- high roof 148" w/bus door & 1-medium roof w/sliding door.

SDDOT Response: Light Duty Van, 148" WB, DRW, high roof, GVWR 10,360, Aftermarket bus doors Min. 14 passenger

3. Ford eliminated the QVM program for 2023, and it is unknown if it will come back in the future. Please remove any requirement for QVM certification for the manufacturer.

SDDOT Response: QVM certification will be removed from the procurement.

4. A Ford Transit has an oil pressure indicator light; please replace the oil pressure gauge with an oil pressure indicator light.

SDDOT Response: The oil pressure gauge is to be replaced with an oil pressure indicator light.

5. Ford replaced it with the 360-degree camera with split-view. Ford has built constraints for the 360-degree camera with the split. recommend removing the 360-degree camera with split-view to avoid scheduling delays. Will SDDOT please remove the OEM-Split view and rear 180-degree camera from the specifications and replace it with a 360-degree camera with a split view? Will SDDOT please remove the 360-degree camera with split-view as a standard item and make it an option?

SDDOT Response: 360- degree camera with split-view will be removed as a standard option and added to the optional list.

6. Due to the Transit design, the location of the ambulatory entrance behind the driver, and the location of the front passenger seat, which is in the driver's prohibited area, the yellow safety standee line is not applicable. Please remove the yellow safety standee line from the specifications.

SDDOT Response: Yellow standee line will be removed from the procurement.

7. In The past contract SDDOT required Dune floor color is this a requirement for this Bid?

SDDOT Response: OEM interior color is grayscale. The flooring color will be OEM coordinating grayscale color

8. This specification is written around a specific manufacturer, Altro Floor. Gerflor manufacturing process and quality system is robust enough. PTV pendulum testing is a requirement in England and is not applicable to the US. Gerflor exceeds all slip-resistant requirements per ASTM 02047, which is the standard for North America. Please remove PTV pendulum testing is a requirement.

SDDOT Response: PTV pendulum testing will be removed from procurement.

9. Due to the Ford Transit having several protrusions, including pillars and wheel wells, coving would be impracticable. The interior walls on the Ford Transit are polypropylene plastic and are sealed with caulk between the walls and floor to form a water and dust-tight seal. Can you please remove coving from the specifications?

SDDOT Response: Coving will be removed from the procurement

10. A 6" high x 9" wide mirror is too large for a Ford Transit and will obstruct the drivers view out of the windscreen. We can provide a 4" High x 8" wide convex mirror which will increase visibility. Please accept a 4" x 8" convex mirror as an approved equal.

SDDOT Response: Will accept a 4" X 8" mirror

11. OEM exterior lights on a Ford Transit are incandescent. Please replace the exterior LED with incandescent.

SDDOT Response: SDDOT will accept incandescent exterior lights

12. Q'Straint is another brand name of equal construction. We request for a Q'Straint walker securement as an approved equal.

SDDOT Response: Q'Straint is accepted as an approved equal.

13. We would like to add another category or as an option for a rear curbside lift to the specifications on a 148" WB, DRW, High Roof, 10,360 GVWR with aftermarket bus door. It will have a minimum 4 passengers with 2 wheelchairs or a minimum of 8 passengers.

SDDOT Response: Category B is in the procurement

14. The option through Ford for the 12" display, all 12" displays have a Sync 4 radio. For the 2023 model year all 12" radios with the Sync 14 radio have limited availability, and any orders with a Sync 4 could cause Ford's production delays or prevents the vans from getting built by Ford for the 2023 model year. Will SDDOT please remove the 12" display from the standard specifications and replace it with Sync 3 With AM/FM, Bluetooth, 2 USB ports, 14" Display? Can SDDOT please make a 12" display with Sync 4 as an option so agencies have the option to order it on future model years?

SDDOT Response: The 12" display with Sync 4 has been removed from the standard option and will be optional.

15. When ordering the OEM blind spot information system from Ford, the OEM blind spot information system requires a 12" display with sync 4 to be ordered. For the 2023 model year, all 12" radios with the Sync 4 radio have limited availability. Any orders with a Sync 4 could cause Ford production delays or prevent Ford's vans from getting built for the 2023 model year. Will SDDOT please remove OEM blind spot information system from the standard specifications and make it an option so agencies have the option to order it in future model years?

SDDOT Response: OEM blind spot will be removed from standard specification and added to the list of options

16. The State requires that each wheelchair position will have 52" X 30" of clear floor space. Using flush-mounted L-track anchorages require drilling into the OEM floor to add a bolt every 4 inches and underneath the Ford Transit, there are many obstructions that could prevent adding bolts every four inches or damage OEM components this can prevent the ability to get the 52" X 30" of clear floorspace that State requires. We want to use Oval L-Track floor pocket Q5-7571-A this only requires one bolt to be mounted through the OEM floor and allows the flexibility to accommodate the 52" X 30" of clear floor space that the State requires. Please approve the Oval L-Track floor pocket Q5-7571-A as an approved equal. Please see attachment #3.

SDDOT Response: Oval L-Track floor pocket Q5-7571-A is an approved equal.

17. Under the Minimum Seating Configuration Required, Ford no longer offers the 130" wheelbase passenger van models that are referenced within the first two bullet points. Therefore, we cannot offer those models for this bid and would request that those two options be removed.

SDDOT Response: All 130-inch wheelbase vans were removed from procurement

18. Under the Minimum Seating Configuration Required, the specifications are listed incorrectly on the last bullet point for the Min 14 Passenger. Aftermarket bus doors are **unavailable on c: a single rear wheel vehicle or a vehicle** under 10,000 pounds GVWR. This vehicle would need to be built on a 148"WB, DRW, High Roof, GVWR 10,360, Aftermarket

bus doors, Min 14 Passenger. We request that the description for this particular model be updated accordingly.

[SDDOT Response: This vehicle is in the Narrow Body procurement](#)

19. Ford OEM has changed the parking brake design for the 2023+ SRW (Single Rear Wheel) models. The parking brake is now an electric pull lever that's located to the left of the steering wheel. On the DRW (Dual Rear Wheel) models, Ford is in the process of transitioning the parking brake from the mechanical style (left foot manual pedal or a right hand manual pull up handle depending on the GVWR) to the new electric parking brake referenced above. During the transition, it will be possible to have some of each type. Whichever option is provided by Ford OEM is the option that will come on the van, as this is not something that is altered during any upfit process. We would request that the description for this particular option be updated accordingly.

[SDDOT Response: Procurement will state that a manual or electric parking break is standard equipment](#)

20. The interior finish color will be the Ford OEM Standard Grayscale. It will not be modified to coordinate with the floor and seat colors chosen by SDDOT. If color coordination is desired, then the floor color and/or seat colors would need to be chosen to coordinate with the interior finish color.

[SDDOT Response: SDDOT interior finish, floor and seat colors will all be grayscale.](#)

21. The referenced FMVSS Standard that is referenced in this section is **not required** by NHTS,A for vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR (which is the same ruling for a cutaway bus). When an aftermarket bus door is installed on the van, we remove the side curtain airbags because that is where the bus doors are located.

[SDDOT Response: This request is accepted](#)

22. All vehicles with OEM Interiors will **not necessarily have** OEM vinyl flooring. All vehicles will have OEM vinyl flooring in the driver and passenger cabin area, but the passenger cabin area of the vans for this bid will have aftermarket Altro or Gerflor non-slip flooring. Additionally, we do not offer coved flooring of any type (OEM or otherwise). There is no coving option available for an OEM interior. The flooring is adequately caulked and sealed to preven water / debris from getting in between the wall and floor and from getting in between the flooring and subfloor

[SDDOT Response: Approves aftermarket non-slip floor in the passenger cabin area.
Coving removed from procurement specification.](#)

23. There is not a standee line option available on a van because there is no defined aisle as there is in a cutaway bus.

SDDOT Response: standee line will be removed from the procurement.

24. The OEM Interior for the Ford Transit vans have either 4 or 6 (depending on the size of the van) interior dome lights standard. These lights provide more than adequate lighting for the interior of the van, and therefore, we are not able to offer the additional row of LED lights that are referenced in this section.

SDDOT Response: Approve interior lights to be 4 to 6 dome lights as standard.

25. All Ford Transit vans come with an OEM rearview mirror. There is not room for a 6" x 9" convex mirror to be installed in the driver's area on this vehicle. This specification is commonly used for cutaway buses, but not in vans.

SDDOT Response: SDDOT will accept a 4" X 8" mirror

26. The windows on a Ford Transit van are OEM Ford Windows. There are no **Emergency Exit** windows offered. The Emergency Exits on a Ford Transit van would be the rear doors, the side sliding cargo door or aftermarket bus door, the driver's door and the co-pilot's door and a roof hatch. If desired, you could add a "window hammer" to the safety specifications for this bid. This is a special hammer that is designed to shatter the glass so that the glass can be pushed out as an additional means of escape.

SDDOT Response: Emergency exit windows removed from procurement; window hammer will not be added.

27. Unfortunately, steps that are made of stainless steel are no longer available to us. Our steps are galvalume treated expanded metal

SDDOT Response: Galvalume-treated expanded metal is accepted

28. Ford no longer offers the 2.0L Diesel engine on the Ford Transit vans.

SDDOT Response: 2.0L Diesel engine removed from procurement