



RESCUE SHEET FOR BUSES

OBJECTIVE

UITP and the International Association of Fire and Rescue Services (CTIF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to raise public awareness and encourage the implementation of safety standards. Back in 2019, UITP was involved in the development of the ISO 17840 standard, an initiative of CTIF to create an international standard to label buses and give information to first responders. The objective of the standard is to improve intervention of first responders in case of bus/coach fire or accident, notably in the advent of new energy buses. This paper promotes the use of the standard by public transport operators and authorities when procuring new vehicles.

ISO 17840 STANDARD

The ISO 17840 standard shows the way on providing harmonised information for first and second responders to traffic accidents involving buses and coach. The standard can be used worldwide by our sector and consists of:

1. Symbols (on the bus) indicating which propulsion energy is used and where tanks, batteries, etc. are located in the bus
2. Rescue sheets – quick information about the construction of the bus – used by firefighters / first responders
3. Emergency response guides containing in-depth information with the same headlines as the rescue sheets



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPERATORS AND AUTHORITIES

We recommend to public transport operators and authorities to:

- In the purchasing process for buses or coaches, request that manufacturers provide you with symbols, rescue sheet and emergency response guide (complying with ISO 17840);
- Use and maintain the ISO 17840 symbols on your buses;
- Share this information with first & second responders in your local environment, as well as with your own staff, and organise a training for them;
- Disseminate this information within your EU Member State to ensure it is used as much as possible.

The standard is available here:

- Symbols: <https://www.iso.org/standard/67354.html>
- Rescue sheet: <https://www.iso.org/standard/67351.html>
- Emergency response guide: <https://www.iso.org/standard/67353.html>

You can also access the documentation with the below QR code

(available in 30 languages)

