



PRO-FORM SEAT MATERIAL NOT REQUIRED

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PRO FORM SEAT MATERIAL - NYS CONTRACT ITEM

Recently customers have voiced concern over the cost of replacing seat covers on their units with the same ProForm Fire Block material the unit came with when delivered.

The last Office of Government Services (OGS) contract contained a requirement addressing "Fire Block" material and units delivered within the last 5 years.

As stated in 720.8(A) (20) (a) of the NYS DOT regulations, Fire Block material is only required:

"If manufactured on or after January 1, 1990 and equipped to handle wheelchairs, fire blocked upholstery shall be provided on all padded seats and padded panels designed to protect wheel chair passengers. All other padded panels shall be fire retardant."

Therefore, on units without wheel chair positions, standard seat material can be used when replacing seat covers.

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We understand the concern over budget dollars and repair costs associated with operating vehicles but thought that seeing as this was something added to the unit for student safety that operators might also consider that this material being “Fire Block” has added strength and durability which should also be considered and the fact that when using it there might be a longer life cycle as the covers do stand up to the common issues presentedknife cuts, lighter marks and that type of vandalism.

We will provide whichever product you feel fits your operation but felt it necessary to provide you the correct information so a better decision could be made.

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