

The Nuts and Bolts of Enforcement

- ☉ You can stop any party bus to check its paperwork without any other cause for conducting a traffic stop.
- ☉ Party buses are classified under Tour Charter Party (TCP) permits.
- ☉ First ask for the waybill. It is required by all vehicles and is a common violation that can be easily cited. Note: Keep a copy of incomplete waybills as evidence.
- ☉ TCP permits require prior arrangement for transportation. They cannot act like a taxi. This is another easy violation to catch and cite.
- ☉ Standard vehicle code violations also apply, such as proper commercial license plates and commercial driver's licenses.

PASSENGER CARRIERS QUICK REFERENCE

TCP / (PSC)

- 5360** (226) TRANS. OF PERSONS, BY MTR VEH, OVER ANY PUBLIC HWY, FOR COMPENSATION, WITHIN CA.
- 5360.5** (a) OPS ON PREARRANGED BASIS ONLY
(b) MUST BE BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR PHONE
- 5371** (1031) OPA REQUIRING AUTHORITY
5371.4 (h) UPON REQUEST, DRIVER SHALL SHOW WAYBILL TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
- 5371.4** (i) LIMO INCL. ANY SEDAN OR SUV THAT SEATS 10 OR LESS INCLUDING DRIVER
- 5379** (1045) UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE DURING SUSP/REVOKE/EXPIRED PERMIT
- 5384** (b) "P" PERMIT UNDER 15 PAX.
5385 (1038.5) MUST DISPLAY TCP WITH SUFFIX/ PSC AS PERSCRIBED BY PUC (GO 34507VC 157-D/158)
- 5385.4** (a) LIVERY PLATE REQ'D ON LIMO
5011.5VC THAT SEATS 9 OR LESS W/DRIVER
5385 TCP/PSC # MUST BE DISPLAYED IN ADS
- 5385.5** TCP NOT TO ACT LIKE TAXICAB
5391 (1040) MUST HAVE PL&PD INSURANCE
- 5411** (1037) PUC VIOLATIONS ARE MISD.
5411.5 PEACE OFFICER MAY IMPOUND TCP VEH
- 9400 VC** COMM PLATES REQUIRED (FAIL TO PAY WEIGHT FEES)
- 12500** (d) VC NO COMM DL
15250 (a) VC OUT OF CLASS – COMM DRIVER
22651 (p) VC IMPOUND FOR ABOVE VIOL.

GENERAL ORDER 157-D (TCP)*

(*CITE UNDER 5411 PUC, THEN ADD G.O. 157-D,#)

3.01 TRANSP. ON PREARRANGED BASIS WAYBILL REQUIREMENTS:

1. CARRIER NAME & TCP NUMBER
 2. VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER
 3. DRIVER'S NAME
 4. NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON REQUESTING/ARRANGING CHARTER
 5. TIME & DATE CHARTER ARRANGED
 6. PHONE OR WRITTEN CONTRACT
 7. NUMBER OF PERSONS IN CHARTER
 8. NAME OF 1 PSGR OR PARTY
 9. ORIGIN & DESTINATION
- 3.02** OPS AT AIRPORTS MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY PUC AND AIRPORT
- 3.03** TAXI TRANSP. SERVICE NOT AUTHORIZ.
- 3.04** SUBCARRIERS SHALL HOLD TCP AUTH. & ENTER INTO WRITTEN AGREEMENT
- 3.06** FICTITIOUS NAMES MUST BE ON FILE WITH PUC
- 4.01** ADD/DELETE VEH, NOTIFY PUC WITHIN 10 DAYS
- 4.02** ALL VEH SHALL COMPLY W/CHP & TITLE 13 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
- 4.03** CARRIER NAME TO BE DISPLAYED ON EACH SIDE OF VEH (15 OR MORE PAX)
- 4.04** TCP# W/SUFFIX DISPLAYED ON EACH SIDE OF VEH (15 OR MORE PAX) UNDER 15 DISPLAY # ON FRONT & REAR
- 4.08** TCP #S IMMEDIATELY REMOVE UPON SUSP/EXPIRE/REVOKE AUTHORITY
- 4.09** UNAUTHORIZED USE OF AUTHORITY KNOWINGLY ALLOW USE OF TCP OR LIVERY PLATES

Common Violations



1. **Absent or incomplete waybill.**
[5411 PUC General Order 157-D, 3.01, nine waybill requirements]
2. **Passengers onboard did not prearrange service by written contract or phone.**
[5360.5 (a)(b)]
3. **A vehicle designed for 15 or more passengers does not have the company name displayed on each side.**
[5411 PUC General Order 157-D, 4.03]
4. **The TCP number with suffix is not visible on each side (15 or more passengers) or no number on front and back (fewer than 15 passengers).** [5411 PUC General Order 157-D, 4.04]
5. **Vehicle does not have commercial plates.**
[9400 VC]
6. **Driver does not have a commercial driver's license.** [15250(a)VC]
7. **Minors onboard are drinking.** [Cite for minor in possession/minor consuming in public (check local jurisdiction guidelines).]

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Guide to Party Bus Enforcement



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