3752 ALMAGARD® VARI-PURPOSE LUBRICANT **GOODRICH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Goodrich, MI**

School Bus Fleet • SIC 8211 Elementary and Secondary Schools

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AREA OF INTEREST

During the summer of 1995, similar to other years, Dave Beckley and Ken, his senior mechanic, replaced the kingpins and spring pins in the front end of virtually all of the school bus units. This was a long and tedious job that made for another difficult summer.

CUSTOMER PROFILE

The Goodrich Area School District Bus Fleet, which is funded by local and state taxes, serves a rural community covering large а geographic area. They have been an LE customer since 1995.

APPLICATION

The Goodrich Area School District Bus Fleet services a largely rural area with a large number of unpaved roads. This type of service, which must meet local pick-up and drop-off schedules, is very rough on the vehicles. These buses must not only meet the rigors of the harsh Michigan winters but also the numerous potholes and mud that arrive with spring. The summer and fall bring rough dusty washboard road conditions. The 26-unit fleet consists of a variety of buses including Thomas' and Bluebirds.

LE SOLUTION

Their LE Representative introduced them to LE's 3752 ALMAGARD Vari-Purpose Lubricant and indicated that it would greatly reduce their kingpin and spring pin problem. This grease is made from select paraffinic base oils and contains ALMASOL®, LE's proprietary wear reducing additive. It also contains QUINPLEX® to provide added adhesive strength. This grease does not pound out, wash out, or melt out, making it an excellent grease for this chassis application.

CUSTOMER COST SAVINGS

According to Dave Beckley, since switching all their buses to LE's 3752 as a chassis lubricant in 1995 the Goodrich Area School Bus Maintenance Department has replaced only one spring pin and no king pins. 3752 has saved thousands of man-hours and thousands of dollars in replacement parts. When Dave was asked how much he paid for a kingpin, he said that it had been so long since he bought one, he couldn't remember.

We wish to thank Dave Beckley, Maintenance Superintendent and local LE Representative Richard Hynes (pictured) for the information provided to prepare this report.



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