

COMMENTS FOR THE SPANISH PROPOSAL ABOUT DOUBLE DECK BUSES
WITHOUT ROOF (TRANS/WP.29/GRSG/2004/14)

(Transmitted by the expert from Hungary)

There are some roofless sightseeing buses in Hungary, too and it seems to be useful to formulate the minimum requirements of these buses. Hungary support this action and proposes some ideas for consideration.

1. There are single deck sightseeing buses as well, so the requirements should cover both kind of vehicles.
2. In spite of the fact that the roofless buses are mainly operating in big cities (and their suburbs) these are not city buses (Class I) but tourist coaches (Class III.) because standing passengers are forbidden on the board.
3. The extended definition could be:
“Roofless sightseeing vehicle means a single or double deck vehicle the top passenger compartment of which has no continuous stable roof.
4. Further technical requirements, extending the Spanish proposals:
 - technically limited maximum speed (50 km/h) should be required
 - the seats on the roofless deck shall be equipped with safety belts
 - if the driver compartment is also roofless, the driver should have some special protection against strong wind, sudden dust and heavy rain, etc.
 - special system for the driver (mirrors and/or cameras) to see whether the passengers are sitting or standing on the roofless deck