



Hillsborough County EPC Awarded EPA's Clean School Bus USA Grant

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- ❖ In June 2004 the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, in partnership with School District of Hillsborough County, was awarded a **\$200,000** EPA grant to retrofit approximately 150 diesel school buses with diesel oxidation catalysts.
- ❖ The grant was awarded through EPA's **Clean School Bus USA** program, a national partnership to minimize pollution from school buses.

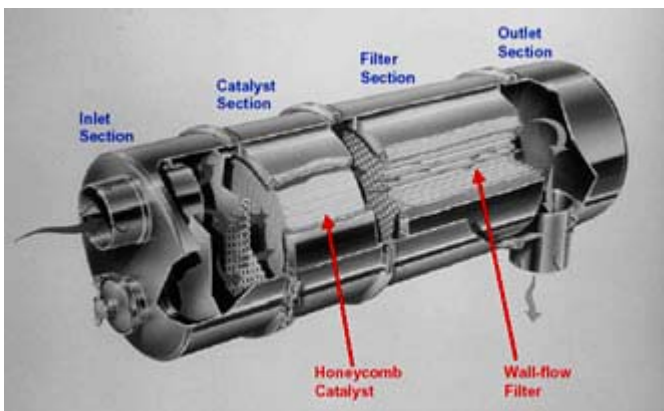


Figure is an example of a retrofit device

- ❖ The goal is to reduce children's exposure to diesel exhaust by eliminating unnecessary school bus idling, installing effective emission control systems on newer buses and replacing the oldest buses in the fleet with newer ones.
- ❖ In October 2004 a media release was issued to publicly announce the program.
- ❖ The EPC and School District of Hillsborough County retrofit effort is the only one of its kind in the entire State of Florida.

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