



VIRM: IN-SERVICE CERTIFICATION AMENDMENT

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IN THIS AMENDMENT

- General amendment changes
- Changes as a result of the amendment to Land Transport Rule: Light Vehicle Brakes 2002
- Introduction of reasons for rejection to certain components certified by Peter Wastney and
 Patrick Chu
- LVV threshold changes originally signalled for introduction last year (listed together after the general changes).

General changes

SECTION	CHANGE DESCRIPTION		
Introduction			
7 Definitions and abbreviations	 New definitions added as a result to the amendment to Land Transport Rule: Light Vehicle Brakes 2002: Antilock brake systems Combined brake systems 		
General vehicles			
3-1 Structure	Minor changes to the bumper bar wording		
7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages	• Rfr 9d updated with a note to say that the requirements do not apply to a seatbelt adjustment device as long as it is securely locked in place.		
8-1 Brakes	 Rfr 32 added: A vehicle of class LE that is fitted with an antilock brake system has a means of disabling that system (unless the vehicle was originally manufactured with that means of disabling the system). A twinned-wheeled class LE vehicle is no longer required to have a parking brake Images of motorcycle dashboards added to assist the vehicle inspector to identify the ABS brake system warning lamp or self-check system 		
Heavy vehicles			
12-2 Towbar	• Towbar certifications by Peter Wastney and Patrick Chu are now reasons for rejection. Sample plates also added.		
12-3 Drawbeam	Drawbeam certifications by Peter Wastney and Patrick Chu are now reasons for rejection. Sample plates also added		

12-5 Heavy vehicle fifth wheel or ball coupling (for towing a semi-trailer)	 Rfr 3 reworded and an additional point added to Table 12-5-1 to give additional clarity regarding certification and fitting to standards and regulations 		
Light PSVs			
7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages	See general vehicles		
15-1 Certificate of loading	 RfR 2c updated to align with the change in 3-5 Establishing whether a vehicle complies above CoL sample image updated to show vehicle passenger details 		
Heavy PSVs			
12-2 Towbar	See heavy vehicles		
Motorcycles			
8-1 Brakes	 A twinned-wheeled class LE vehicle is no longer required to have a parking brake Rfr 29 added: A vehicle of class LE that is fitted with an antilock brake system has a means of disabling that system (unless the vehicle was originally manufactured with that means of disabling the system). Images of motorcycle dashboards added to assist the vehicle inspector to identify the ABS brake system warning lamp or self-check system 		
General trailers			
5-1 Service brake, parking brake and breakaway brake	 Note to table 5-1-1 updated to clarify A compliant brake system requires a brake on each wheel of the trailer. 		
Heavy trailers			
8-2 Towbar	• Towbar certifications by Peter Wastney and Patrick Chu are now reasons for rejection. Sample plates also added.		
8-3 Drawbar	Drawbeam certifications by Peter Wastney and Patrick Chu are now reasons for rejection. Sample plates also added.		
8-4 Drawbeam	 Drawbar certifications by Peter Wastney and Patrick Chu are now reasons for rejection. Sample plates also added. 		

PREVIEW PAGES

Introduction

7 Definitions and abbreviations

Antilock braking system (ABS)	means a system that senses wheel slip and automatically modulates the pressure producing the braking forces at the wheel or wheels to limit the degree of wheel slip.
Combined brake system	means:
	 for vehicle classes LA and LC, a service brake system where at least two brakes on different wheels are operated by the actuation of a single control for vehicle classes LB and LE, a service brake system where the brakes on all wheels are operated by the actuation of a single control for vehicle class LD, a service brake system where the brakes on at least the front and rear wheels are operated by the actuation of a single control. If the rear wheel and sidecar wheel are braked by the same brake system, this is regarded as the rear brake.

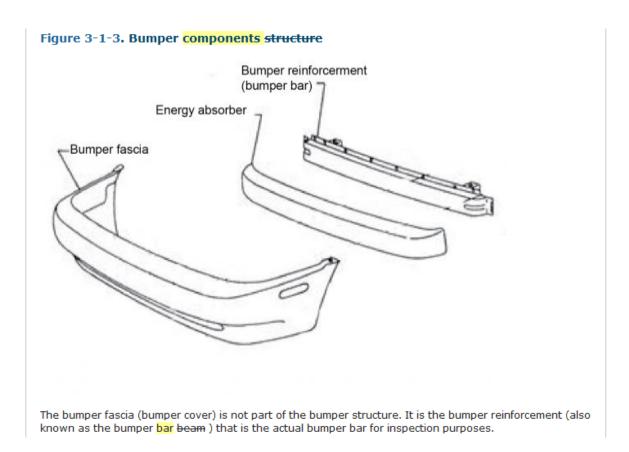
General vehicles

3-1 Structure

Note 2

Corrosion damage is where the metal has been eaten away, which is evident by pitting. The outward sign of such corrosion damage is typically displayed by the lifting or bubbling of paint. In extreme cases, the area affected by the corrosion damage will fall out and leave a hole.

Bumper bar means either the structural part inside a plastic bumper or a complete metal bumper as used on older vehicles. The bumper fascia (bumper cover) is not part of the bumper structure. It is the bumper reinforcement (also known as the bumper bar beam) that is the actual bumper bar for inspection purposes (see Figure 3-1-3).



7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation				
9. A component is missir	9. A component is missing (Note 19), or is cracked, distorted, damaged or deteriorated in such a way that:					
a) its strength or inte	egrity is reduced, or					
b) it may damage an	b) it may damage another component or the webbing, or					
c) foreign matter may enter the interior of the mechanism, or						
d) the seatbelt or a seatbelt component cannot function as intended (does not apply to securely locked seatbelt height adjusters).						
8-1 Brakes						

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation	
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Parking brake (Note 1)

6. A vehicle does not have a parking brake (does not apply to twinned-wheeled class LE vehicles).

Advanced brake systems

32. A motorcycle that is fitted with an antilock brake system has a non-OEM means of disabling that system, such as an after-market/non-factory switch.

33. A motorcycle's ABS has been disabled.

Advanced brake systems

34. The ABS or brake system warning lamp or self-check system, if fitted, indicates a defect in the ABS or brake system (does not apply to brake pad wear warning systems) (see Figure 8-1-1 for examples of a brake system warning lamp on group L vehicles). A defect can be identified by either:

- the ABS light does not illuminate on ignition power-up (if ABS was originally fitted), or
- the ABS light does not turn off after the motorbike has been ridden/moved (this can be checked when doing an on-road brake test).

Note 1 Definitions

Twinned wheels means two wheels mounted on the same axle where the distance between the centres of their areas of contact with the ground is equal to or less than 460 mm.

Reasons for rejection

Tables and images

Summary of legislation

Figure 8-1-1. Examples of ABS warning light fault indication



Heavy vehicles

12-2 Towbar

 Reasons for rejection
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 Summary of legislation

 Revoked certifications
 10. A towbar fitted to a heavy vehicle was last certified by Peter Wastney (PW) of Peter Wastney Engineering Ltd (for sample plates see Figure 12-1-2).

 11. A towbar fitted to a heavy vehicle was last certified by Patrick Chu (ZC) of Transport and Structure Ltd (for

sample plates see Figure 12-1-2).

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12-3 Drawbeam

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation
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 Images of sample 	ole plates also added	as per 12-2 Towbar

12-5 Heavy vehicle fifth wheel or ball coupling (for towing a semi-trailer)

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation		
3. A 50mm-diameter fift	h wheel, other than a rig	jid fifth wheel, has not been:		
a) certified to NZS 54	450: 1989, or			
b) certified to all of t	he following:			
i. Australian/New Zealand Standard 4968.1-2003, and				
ii. Australian/New	Zealand Standard 4968	3.2-2003, and		
iii. Australian Star	ndard 2174-2006, or			
c) <mark>fitted by the vehic</mark> powered vehicle).	le manufacturer in compl	l <mark>iance with</mark> UN/ECE Regulatio	n 55 (if fitted to an imported,	

Tables and images

Table 12-5-1. Requirements for HVS certification

HVS certification is required	HVS certification is not required
 Fitting of a coupling, other than a direct bolt-on replacement. Modification or repair of a coupling, except when this is not required in the right- hand column. 	 Fifth wheel or ball-type coupling that is a direct bolt-on replacement. Any modification or repair likely to have been carried out before 1 January 1997 (modifications and repairs before this date required certification but for inspection purposes the LANDATA record need not be checked). Any repair or modification not listed in the left-hand column unless the vehicle inspector considers that certification is required because the modification or repair has affected the vehicle's safety performance (a second opinion from an expert may be needed, eg the manufacturer's representative, or a reputable workshop). A 50mm fifth wheel that complies with UN/ECE Regulation 55 fitted to an imported, powered vehicle.

Light PSV

15-1 Certificate of loading

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation	
2. The vehicle is one of t	he following and the Co	L is no longer valid:	
a) the vehicle has be	en modified so as to red	quire LVV specialist certificatio	on, or
b) the vehicle has be	en de-registered, or		
		irements for CoL differ for the Setablishing whether a ve l	
Reasons for rejection Tables	and images Summary of I	egislation	
F	igure 15-1-1. Certificate	of loading	
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Heavy PSVs

12-2 Towbar

See heavy vehicles

12-3 Drawbeam

See heavy vehicles

General trailers

5-1 Service brake, parking brake and breakaway brake

Reasons for rejection Tables and images Summary of legislation						
Table 5-1-1.	Table 5-1-1. Trailer brake requirements					
Type of Laden weight (Note 5) of the trailer						
required	2000kg or less	2001-250)0kg	2501-3500	Okg	
Service brake	Not required but, if fitted, must act on each wheel of at least one axle	or indirect	either direct service brake n each wheel one axle	on each wh indirect serv UN/ECE Reg bulletin 153 hitches and Note: A con	direct service brake must act neel of at least one axle, or a vice brake that complies with gulation No.13 (see Technica : Identifying compliant d brake systems) mpliant brake system require each wheel of the trailer.	

Heavy trailers

8-2 Towbar

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation	
Revoked certificati	ons		
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10. A towbar fitted to a h sample certification plates	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ified by Patrick Chu (ZC) of Tra	nsport and Structure Ltd (for



8-3 Drawbar

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation	
Revoked certificati	ons		
17. A drawbar fitted to a (for sample certification p	· ·		of Peter Wastney Engineering Ltd
18. A drawbar fitted to a heavy vehicle was last certified by Patrick Chu (ZC) of Transport and Structure Ltd (for sample certification plates see Figure 8-3-3).			
Images of sample plates also added as per 8-2 Towbar			

8-4 Drawbeam

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation	
Revoked certificat	ions		
	a heavy vehicle was last c on plates see Figure 8-4 -) of Peter Wastney Engineering
12. A drawbeam fitted to sample certification plates	· · ·	ertified by Patrick Chu (ZC) of	Transport and Structure Ltd (for
 Images of sample 	ole plates also added	as per 8-2 Towbar	

Motorcycles

8-1 Brakes

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation		
6. A vehicle of class LE f	Parking brake (Note 1) 6. A vehicle of class LE first registered anywhere on or after 1 April 2002 does not have a parking brake (does not apply to twinned-wheeled vehicles).			
	8. A parking brake does not act on at least one axle that has dual wheels fitted <mark>(does not apply to</mark> twinned-wheeled class LE vehicles).			
Advanced brake system	ns (ABS)			
	fitted with an antilock b r-market/non-factory sw	rake system has a non-OEM ⁄itch.	means of disabling that	
30. A motorcycle's ABS h	nas been disabled.			
Performance				
34. The ABS or brake system warning lamp or self-check system, if fitted, indicates a defect in the ABS or brake system (does not apply to brake pad wear warning systems) <mark>(see Figure 8-1-1 for examples of a brake system warning lamp on group L vehicles). A defect can be identified by either:</mark>				
• the ABS light does no	• the ABS light does not illuminating on ignition power-up (if ABS was originally fitted), or			
 the ABS light does not turn off after the motorbike has been ridden/moved (this can be checked when doing an on-road brake test). 				
Note 1 Definitions				
Twinned wheels means t areas of contact with the g		e same axle where the distance nan 460 mm.	between the centres of their	

Reasons for rejection

Tables and images

Summary of legislation

Figure 8-1-1. Examples of ABS warning light fault indication



LVV THRESHOLD CHANGES

The majority of changes are to add clarity to how modern modifications should be treated.

The modifications of concern are the lifting of utes and 4wds, retuning and chipping of ECU's, wheels and tyres, and modifications that may affect high strength vehicle structure.

2-1 External Projections

All sections of this table to be updated as below follows (modifications may have additional criteria in each section)

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Body kits and components (including utility canopies,	 the fitting system does not weaken the vehicle structure (Note 1), and
plastic bumper skins and bonnet projections)	 no frontal impact components have been removed where the vehicle is required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note 3)
	• the kit or components do not present any external projections that could cause injury, to the occupants or pedestrians, or present a snagging/hooking risk to a vehicle or person, and
	 the performance of any lamps is not affected as a result of the fitting of the kit or components, and
	• the driver's vision has not been affected.
	See also Table 3-1-1.
Side racks (for glass or other sheet materials)	• there is no doubt as to the rack's load carrying capacity, and
Sheet materials)	 the rack is secured without weakening the vehicle structure (Note 1), and,
	no forward-facing pedestrian traps exist (Note 2), and
	 the rack is designed and protected so that sharp or dangerous cargo cannot face directly forward projecting beyond the outside of the body.
	See also Table 3-1-1.
Bumper bar (removal and change)	 the vehicle is not required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note 3), and
	 does not weaken the vehicle structure (see Note 1), and
	 any changes to the bumper do not affect the performance of mudguards, or
	 A rear bumper bar has been replaced by a towbar crossmember.
	See also Table 3-1-1.
Auxiliary bars (including bull bars, nudge bars, external roll	 The vehicle is not required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note 3)
cages and winches)	The auxiliary bar:
	 presents no pedestrian traps (Note 2), and
	 is not angled forward except where necessary to clear the contours of the vehicle, and
	 presents no sharp edges or an external radius of less than 3mm, and

	The winch either:	
	 does not protrude forward of the front face of the bumper, or 	
	 does project forward of the bumper line but is fitted with 'pedestrian-friendly' shrouds to reduce trapping risk and present a larger forward-facing surface area. 	
	 the vehicle is required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard and the auxiliary bar: 	
	 is a vehicle manufacturer supplied component for that vehicle, or 	
	 has been certified by the auxiliary bar manufacturer as frontal impact compliant (as may be indicated by a label) 	
	Note that an auxiliary bar that does not meet the above minimum requirements is unlikely to meet LVV requirements and so cannot be certified.	
A-Frames	 See also Table 3-1-1 The A-frame meets all of the following requirements: 	
	 is attached to the chassis by means other than welding, and 	
	 the components are fit for purpose, and 	
	 the brackets remaining on the vehicle when the A- frame is removed are recessed behind the forward surface of the bumper by no less than 20mm, and 	
	 the brackets are fitted so that they do not bridge the vehicle's crumple zones, and 	
	 the brackets are fitted so that they do not significantly stiffen the front of the vehicle. 	
	See also Table 3-1-1	
Bonnet emblems or badges	The emblem or badge is designed and attached in such a way that it will fold back or break off in the event of contact, without leaving any sharp edges, or • the emblem or badge has no sharp edges, and is fitted flat to	
	the bonnet with a thickness no more than 10mm	
Bonnet pins	• the vehicle is not required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note 3); and	
	◦ the pins:	
	 have no sharp edges/are rounded with radius more than 3mm, and 	
	 do not present any external projections that could cause injury, to the occupants or pedestrians, and 	
	do not present a snagging risk	

Ute Trays	 For vehicles first registered in New Zealand before 1 January 2021 the tray has no sharp edges and radiuses of not less than 3mm on every external edge, and 	
	No forward-facing pedestrian traps (Note 2) exist	
	For vehicles first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 January 2021 :	
	 The tray has no sharp edges and radiuses of not less than 3mm on every external edge, and 	
	 no forward-facing pedestrian traps exist (Note 2), and 	
	 the tray protrudes no more than 100mm from the widest part of the vehicle cab/body structure (excluding mirrors); or 	
	 the forwards edges of the tray are tapered rearwards at an angle of no less than 30 degrees from the tray's front edge or have an equivalent, or better, form of pedestrian protection. 	
	See also Table 3-1-1	

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required
Aerials	In-service requirements for condition and performance must
Roof Mounted Solar Panels	be met.
Towbars	
Trunk Racks	
Roof-mounted wheelchair winch	
Roof racks (Except heavy PSVs)	
Additional or substituted rear- view mirrors	
Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	

Note 1: Heating, drilling, welding or cutting the vehicle structure, modifying a roof bow, or modifying any part of the structure anchorage would be considered to weaken the structure. Cutting a single layer of unstressed panel of sheet metal (i.e. roof) is not considered to weaken the vehicle structure. Drilling a hole suitable for a child restraint top tether does not require LVV certification.

Note 2: A pedestrian trap is any part of a vehicle that may hook, catch or pull/push a pedestrian into or under a vehicle. Vehicle components should be shaped to reduce injury to a pedestrian and to move the pedestrian away from the vehicle in the event of an incident.

Note 3:

The following vehicles with a GVM of 2500 kg or less are required to comply with such a standard:

- o class MA motor vehicles manufactured from 1 March 1999, and
- class MA motor vehicles that were less than 20 years old when they were first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 April 2002, and
- o class MB or MC motor vehicles manufactured from 1 October 2003.

3-1 Structure

These sections have not changed and should be retained as per the current VIRM threshold:

- Seatbelt anchorages retrofitted after 1 January 1992 in vehicles of classes MA, MB, MC or after 1 March 1999, in vehicles of other classes
- Front Mount Intercooler

Other section added/updated as follows (modifications may have additional criteria in each section):

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:	
Addition of side windows into a	The modification was carried out before 1/3/1999, or	
panel van or goods van	• The modification was carried out on or after 1/3/1999, and the modification has not weakened the vehicle structure (Note 1).	
Fibreglass replacement panels (that are substituted for OE panels)	No frontal impact components have been removed where the vehicle is required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note Frontal Impact), and	
	 the OE panels being replaced do not contribute to the strength of the vehicle structure, including side impact resistance, and 	
	 the replacement panels use OE attachment points (bonnet hinges and latches must be OE or direct replacements). 	
	See also Table 2-1-1.	
Campervan conversions	• The conversion was completed before 1/3/1999, or	
	• The conversion was completed on or after 1/3/1999, and	
	 no modifications were carried out to the cab rear wall, and 	
	 modifications to the roof meet the following requirements: 	
	 Only a single panel of sheet metal may be cut per roof opening, and 	
	 any bracing or structural elements have not been modified, and 	
	 no modifications are within 150mm of a seatbelt anchorage; and 	
	 no seats or seatbelt anchorages were retrofitted, or 	
	• There is evidence of certification of the modification from the company that carried out the modification, i.e. a secondary certification plate or label in the case of a motorhome conversion (see <u>Technical bulletin 13</u>).	
	See also Table 7-1-1 and 7-5-1.	
Aftermarket sunroof or roof vent/hatch	The fitting has not weakened the vehicle structure (Note 1)	
Cargo hoist/cargo lift platform	• the vehicle is not adapted for the transportation of a person in a wheelchair, and the hoist or tail lifter is positioned to the rear of any vehicle occupants and adequately mounted, and	
	• the vehicle structure has not been weakened (Note 1).	
	See also Table 7-1-1	

Suspension braces (strut braces) and underfloor/body braces	there are no structural changes to the body or suspension mounting points and,
	 no cutting, heating or welding to the vehicle structure or suspension components is involved in the attachment of the brace, and
	• the brace is attached to existing chassis/suspension points with the correct grade bolts and exposed thread is showing through the nut/fastener
	See also Table 9-1-1
Stereo equipment and speakers	any modification or fitting carried out before 1/1/1992
	 If fitted to the rear parcel shelf: no upper seatbelt anchorage is attached to the shelf or any shelf support bracket, and
	• in the case of a top tether point for a child seat attached to the rear shelf, the top tether point is not located within 150mm of a modification to a rear parcel shelf, and
	• the removal of any material from the rear shelf is minimal and is unlikely to have weakened the vehicle structure to which a seatbelt anchorage is attached.
	 If fitted to a part of the vehicle other than the rear parcel shelf: no structural material has been removed from within 300mm of a seatbelt anchorage, and
	 any material removed is minimal and is unlikely to have weakened the vehicle structure (including a seatbelt anchorage structure), and
	• The stereo equipment or speakers fitted in the passenger compartment:
	 present no additional risk of injury, and
	 are securely fastened by mechanical means.
	See also Table 7-1-1 and 7-5-1
Gear shift lever relocation	• no substantial modifications have occurred to the floor or gearbox tunnel area, other than provision for gear-shift mechanism, and
	the relocation presents no additional risk of injury than OE specification
	See also Table 7-7-1
Auxiliary bars (including bull bars, nudge bars, external roll	The vehicle is not required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note 3)
cages and winches	The auxiliary bar:
	\circ presents no pedestrian traps (Note 2), and
	 is not angled forward except where necessary to clear the contours of the vehicle, and
	 presents no sharp edges or an external radius of less than 3mm, and
	The winch either:
	 does not protrude forward of the front face of the bumper, or

	a door project forward of the humper line but is fitted	
	 does project forward of the bumper line but is fitted with 'pedestrian-friendly' shrouds to reduce trapping risk and present a larger forward-facing surface area. 	
	 the vehicle is required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard and the auxiliary bar: 	
	 is a vehicle manufacturer supplied component for that vehicle, or 	
	 has been certified by the auxiliary bar manufacturer as frontal impact compliant (as may be indicated by a label) 	
	Note that an auxiliary bar that does not meet the above minimum requirements is unlikely to meet LVV requirements and so cannot be certified.	
A-Frames	See also Table 2-1-1 The A-frame meets all of the following requirements:	
	 is attached to the chassis by means other than welding, and 	
	 the components are fit for purpose, and 	
	 the brackets remaining on the vehicle when the A- frame is removed are recessed behind the forward surface of the bumper by no less than 20mm, and 	
	 the brackets are fitted so that they do not bridge the vehicle's crumple zones, and 	
	 the brackets are fitted so that they do not significantly stiffen the front of the vehicle. 	
	See also Table 2-1-1	
Ute Trays	 For vehicles registered in New Zealand on or after 1 January 2021: The fitting has not weakened the vehicle structure (Note 1); and the tray has no sharp edges and radiuses of not less than 3mm on every external edge, 	
	See also Table 2-1-1	
Bumper bar (removal and change)	the vehicle is not required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note 3), and	
	 Does not weaken the vehicle structure (Note 1) 	
	 Any changes to the bumper do not affect the performance of mudguards or 	
	 A rear bumper bar has been replaced by a towbar crossmember. 	
De de Kite	See also Table 2-1-1.	
Body Kits	Fitting, removal or modification does not weaken the vehicle structure (Note 1). See also Table 2-1-1.	
Glass Racks	Fitting, removal or modification does not weaken the vehicle structure (Note 1). See also Table 2-1-1.	
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Note 1:

Heating, drilling, welding or cutting the vehicle structure, modifying a roof bow, or modifying any part of the structure anchorage would be considered to weaken the structure. Cutting a single layer

of unstressed panel of sheet metal (i.e. roof) is not considered to weaken the vehicle structure. Drilling a hole suitable for a child restraint top tether does not require LVV certification.

Note 2:

A pedestrian trap is any part of a vehicle that may hook, catch or pull/push a pedestrian into or under a vehicle. Vehicle components should be shaped to reduce injury to a pedestrian and to move the pedestrian away from the vehicle in the event of an incident.

Note 3:

The following vehicles with a GVM of 2500 kg or less are required to comply with such a standard:

- o class MA motor vehicles manufactured from 1 March 1999, and
- class MA motor vehicles that were less than 20 years old when they were first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 April 2002, and
- o class MB or MC motor vehicles manufactured from 1 October 2003.

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required
Roof mounted solar panels	In-service requirements for condition and performance must
Towbars	be met.
Roof racks]
Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	

7-1 Seats and Seat anchorages

This section has have not changed and should be retained as per the current VIRM threshold:

• Aftermarket 'Retro' brand child seats designed for children 5–12 years old (up to 38kg)

Other section added/updated as follows (modifications may have additional criteria in each section):

Seats – modification or replacement or installation of a seat	 The seat is of stressed type (see note 1) and is an unmodified OE seat sourced from the same make and model vehicle, and
anchorage after 1	\circ the seat is directly bolted to the original OE seat mounts and,
March 1999	 no additional components or modifications are required for the fitting of the seat, and
	 no airbag has been removed or disabled (see info sheet 07- 2009
	https://www.lvvta.org.nz/documents/infosheets/LVVTA_Info_07- 2009_Removal_of_Side_Airbag-equipped_Seats.pdf).
	 the seat of unstressed type (see note 1) and is either an unmodified OE seat from another vehicle or of a known and reputable aftermarket brand, and
	\circ no airbag has been removed or disabled, and
	\circ the seat is fitted to unmodified OE seat anchorages, and
	 the seatbelt anchorage or operation is not affected or moved, and
	 the seat components (including brackets, runners and rails) are compatible with each other, i.e. they are either OE components

	from a production vehicle or of a known and reputable aftermarket brand, and are not fitted together by welding, and • the relationship between seat, seat occupant, front airbag and location of the seatbelt anchorages is not affected. Note LVV certification is not required where the only modification is the removal of seats and/or seatbelts. However, a class change, and a new load rating may be required in some cases.
Campervan conversions	 The conversion was completed before 1/3/1999, or The conversion was completed on or after 1/3/1999, and no modifications were carried out to the vehicle rear wall, and modifications to the roof meet the following requirements: Only a single layer of sheet metal may be cut per roof opening, and any bracing or structural elements have not been modified, and no modifications are within 150mm of a seatbelt anchorage. and no seats or seatbelt anchorages were retrofitted, or There is evidence of certification of the modification from the company that carried out the modification, i.e. a secondary certification plate or label in the case of a motorhome conversion (see <u>Technical bulletin 13</u>).

Note 1: A stressed type seat is a seat to which a seatbelt is directly mounted to any of the components that make up the seat and seat frame. An unstressed seat has no seatbelt attachment point on either the seat or the seat frame (i.e. the seat belt is attached to a different part of the vehicle structure).

7-3 Head restraints

(modifications may have additional criteria in each section)

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Head restraint removal	• A front head restraint must not be removed from a vehicle if:
	 there is a solid structure within 300mm behind the seat back; or
	 the vehicle is required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard (Note 1)
	• A rear head restraint must not be removed from a vehicle if there is a solid structure within 300mm behind the seat back.
Fitting of aftermarket LCD screens to head restraints	• the performance of the head restraint is not affected, i.e. the head restraint still provides sufficient padding for the seat occupant, and
	• the screen is fitted in a suitable manner, e.g. it appears similar to OE fitments in other vehicles, or
	the screen can be easily attached or removed.

Fitting of or modification to:

Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services

LVV certification not required

• In-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.

Note 3:

The following vehicles with a GVM of 2500 kg or less are required to comply with such a standard:

- o class MA motor vehicles manufactured from 1 March 1999, and
- class MA motor vehicles that were less than 20 years old when they were first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 April 2002, and
- o class MB or MC motor vehicles manufactured from 1 October 2003.

7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages

Notes for Update: Sections listed below have not changed and should be retained as per the current VIRM threshold:

- Seatbelts
- Top-tether anchorage for a child seat or harness

Other sections added/updated as follows (modifications may have additional criteria in each section)

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Stereo equipment and	any modification or fitting carried out before 1/1/1992
speakers	 If fitted to the rear parcel shelf: no upper seatbelt anchorage is attached to the shelf or any shelf support bracket, and
	 in the case of a top tether point for a child seat attached to the rear shelf, the top tether point is not located within 150 mm of a modification to a rear parcel shelf, and
	 the removal of any material from the rear shelf is minimal and is unlikely to have weakened the vehicle structure to which a seatbelt anchorage is attached.
	If fitted to a part of the vehicle other than the rear parcel shelf:The fitting has not weakened the vehicle structure (See Note X)
	The stereo equipment or speakers fitted in the passenger compartment:
	 present no additional risk of injury, and
	 are securely fastened by mechanical means.
Campervan conversions	The conversion was completed before 1/3/1999, or
	• The conversion was completed on or after 1/3/1999, and
	 no modifications were carried out to the vehicle rear wall, and
	 modifications to the roof meet the following requirements:
	 Only a single layer of sheet metal may be cut per roof opening, and
	 any bracing or structural elements have not been modified, and

 no modifications are within 150mm of a seatbelt anchorage, and
 no seats or seatbelt anchorages were retrofitted, or
• There is evidence of certification of the modification from the company that carried out the modification, i.e. a secondary certification plate or label in the case of a motorhome conversion (see <u>Technical bulletin 13</u>).
See also Table 3-1-1 and Table 7-7-1

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Rear seatbelts fitted to class MD1 and NA vehicles before 1 March 1999	 In-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.
Removal of seatbelts (full or partial) where the seating position has been removed.	
Replacing a type R1 or R2 seatbelt with a webclamp R1 or R2 seatbelt (e.g. where Technical bulletin 5 applies)	
Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	

7-7 Interior Impact

These sections have not changed and should be retained as per the current VIRM threshold:

- Disability adaptive controls
- Additional and substituted items such as instruments, switches, cellphone installations and navigation equipment or an OE item from another vehicle

Other sections added/updated as follows (modifications may have additional criteria in each	
section)	

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Cargo hoist/cargo lift platform (fitted inside the vehicle)	 the vehicle is not adapted for the transportation of a person in a wheelchair, and the hoist or tail lifter is positioned to the rear of any vehicle occupants and adequately mounted and,
	• the vehicle structure has not been weakened.
	• See also Table 3-1-1.
Stereo equipment and	any modification or fitting carried out before 1/1/1992
speakers	 If fitted to the rear parcel shelf: no upper seatbelt anchorage is attached to the shelf or any shelf support bracket, and
	• in the case of a top tether point for a child seat attached to the rear shelf, the top tether point is not located within 150 mm of a modification to a rear parcel shelf, and
	 the removal of any material from the rear shelf is minimal and is unlikely to have weakened the vehicle structure to which a seatbelt anchorage is attached.
	If fitted to a part of the vehicle other than the rear parcel shelf:

	 The fitting has not weakened the vehicle structure (See Note 3)
	The stereo equipment or speakers fitted in the passenger compartment:
	\circ present no additional risk of injury, and
	 are securely fastened by mechanical means.
	See also Table 3-1-1 and 7-5-1.
Steering wheels	• the vehicle does not have an airbag installed as OE, and
	 the vehicle is not required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard* (Note 1); and
	the steering wheel is:
	 a direct substitute, without steering column shaft modification, and
	 a non-OE item of a reputable brand or an OE item from another vehicle, and
	\circ is mounted with a one-piece boss** (Note 2), and
	\circ has a diameter greater than 245mm, and
	 does not significantly inhibit the drivers view of the speedometer or mandatory warning lights.
	 * A vehicle that cannot comply with this clause cannot be LVV certified unless it has been issued with an LVV authority card or is at least 14 years old. ** A vehicle fitted with a quick release steering wheel must always be referred for LVV certification and is only permitted within strict criteria See also Table 9-1-1
Gear shift lever relocation	 no substantial modifications have occurred to the floor or gearbox tunnel area, other than provision for gear- shift mechanism, and the relocation presents no additional risk of injury than OE specification
	See also Table 3-1-1
Cargo barriers	 each seating position, within 300mm of the cargo barrier, is fitted with an effective head restraint, and the cargo barriers are positioned:
	 behind, following a plane extending upward, parallel to the back of the backrest on the rear-most seat, and in such a way that the head restraint would provide protection from head contact with any cargo barrier section during a crash.
Roll-bar or roll-cage structures (roll protection or cosmetic)	 each seating position is fitted with an effective head restraint, and the bars are positioned:
	 The bars are positioned. behind, following a plane extending upward, parallel to the back of the backrest on the rear-most seat, and in such a way that the head restraint would provide protection from head contact with any bar section during a crash.
Aftermarket brake pedal	 the fitment of the pads or covers does not:
pads or covers	– necessitate any modification to the pedal arm, or

Aftermarket or custom brake pedal extensions (for unusually short people)	 affect the safe operation of the brake pedal or other pedals (e.g. a brake pad or cover significantly wider than the original brake pad may not be acceptable, depending on fitment) See also Table 8-1-1 The extension: does not exceed 100mm length when measured from the surface of the original brake pedal, and is securely clamped to the original pedal by mechanical means, and is sufficiently strong and rigid to withstand emergency brake loads, and does not involve any modification to, or compromise the strength of, the original brake pedal, and does not significantly change the sideways load or leverage against the pedal, and
Additional brake and accelerator pedals (for driving school vehicles)	 See also Table 8-1-1 The operation of the primary brake pedal is not affected, and no modifications to the primary brake pedal or any other part of the primary brake system has occurred, and adequate clearance is maintained between all pedals. See also Table 8-1-1

Note 1:

The following vehicles with a GVM of 2500 kg or less are required to comply with such a standard:

- o class MA motor vehicles manufactured from 1 March 1999, and
- class MA motor vehicles that were less than 20 years old when they were first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 April 2002, and
- o class MB or MC motor vehicles manufactured from 1 October 2003.

8-1 Service Brake and Parking Brake

These sections have not changed and should be retained as per the current VIRM threshold:

- Aftermarket or custom brake pedal extensions (for unusually short people)
- Additional brake pedals (for driving school vehicles)
- Removal of secondary accelerator and brake system (where driving school vehicle is converted to single primary system)
- Disability parking brake system

Other sections added/updated as follows (modifications may have additional criteria in each section)

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Aftermarket brake pedal pads or covers	 the fitment of the pads or covers does not: necessitate any modification to the pedal arm, or affect the safe operation of the brake pedal or other pedals (e.g. a brake pad or cover significantly wider than the original brake pad may not be acceptable, depending on fitment). See also Table 7-1-1
Brake Rotors	 Rotors are direct OE replacements, or After market substitute brake rotors are: the same size as the OE rotors, and catalogued aftermarket items for that make and model of vehicle (and can include cross-drilled and/or slotted types), and attached to unmodified OE parts, and not modified in anyway
Brake Lines/Hoses (including stainless steel braided brake hoses)	 Brake lines or hoses are direct replacements; and the lines or hoses are fitted using all OE mounts. Note: Flexible hose end fittings must be crimped to the hose

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required
Brake Linings/Pads	 In-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.
Any modifications for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	

9-1 Steering and Suspension

All sections of this table have been updated. Note that "Larger Diameter anti-sway bar" and "Addition of Anti-sway bar" have been combined.

(modifications may have additional criteria in each section)

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Steering wheel spinner to	 The spinner is contained within the outer circumference
assist in the operation of the	of the steering wheel, and
steering wheel	• The spinner does not interfere with the operation of a fitted airbag, and
	• The operation of an airbag will not detach the spinner from the steering wheel.
Right-hand drive steering conversions	• the conversion can be proven via documented evidence to have been carried out prior to 1 August 1990, or
	 the conversion was carried out between 1 August 1990 and 1 March 1999 and an approved conversion agent's individually numbered plate is attached to the vehicle structure.
Steering wheels	• the vehicle does not have an airbag installed as OE, and
	 the vehicle is not required to comply with a frontal impact occupant protection standard* (Note 1), and
	the steering wheel is:
	 a direct substitute, without steering column shaft modification, and
	 a non-OE item of a reputable brand or an OE item from another vehicle, and
	\circ is mounted with a one-piece boss**), and
	\circ has a diameter greater than 245mm, and
	 does not significantly inhibit the drivers view of the speedometer or mandatory warning lights.
	* A vehicle that cannot comply with this clause cannot be LVV certified unless it has been issued with an LVV authority card or is at least 14 years old.
	** A vehicle fitted with a quick release steering wheel must always be referred for LVV certification and is only permitted within strict criteria
Springs and shock absorbers (Including modification of <i>ride</i>	 the springs or shock absorbers are direct replacements, and
height)	 replacement springs are contained within unmodified OE seats throughout full suspension travel (Note 2), and
	 replacement springs are self-retaining in their seats at full extension, without the use of non-standard devices such as wire-ties, straps, or external spring locators, and
	 replacement springs have not been heated or cut, and
	 springs and spring seats are not height adjustable by any means (unless OE) (Note 3), and

	 replacement shock absorbers, including air- adjustable units, fit unmodified OE mountings (Note 2), and
	 suspension maintains sufficient travel for safe operation (See Note 4), and
	 suspension components maintain sufficient clearance from unmodified bump stops when fully laden (See Note 5), and
	 Suspension retains at least 40mm of rebound (droop) wheel travel (See Note 6), and
	 a minimum of 100mm ground clearance (unladen and without driver) exists below any part of the vehicle structure, or any steering, braking or suspension component (Note 7) and
	 the normal relationship between front and rear suspension height is not unduly affected, and
	Clearance is maintained between all components, when tested from lock to lock at full droop.
Blocks for leaf springs to adjust their ride height (up or	 the leaf spring suspension has not been raised by any other means, and
down)	the leaf spring blocks are:
	 securely fitted, and
	 constructed from metal, and
	 designed for the purpose, and
	 firmly seated over not less than the OE seat area, and
	 not more than 50mm in height, and
	 located using the same method as original (assessment of location method is only required where visible without dismantling)
Addition of anti-sway bar or	the bar is attached to OE mounting points, and
uprated anti-sway bar	 the bar and its fittings are catalogued items for the make and model of vehicle, and
	 no cutting, drilling, heating or welding to the vehicle structure or suspension components is involved in the fitting of the bar.
	Note: Removal or reduction/downrating of an antisway bar always requires certification
Suspension braces (strut braces) and underfloor/body braces	 there are no structural changes to the body or suspension mounting points and,
NIALES	 no cutting, heating or welding to the vehicle structure or suspension components is involved in the attachment of the brace, and
	 the brace is attached to existing chassis/suspension points with the correct grade bolts and exposed thread is showing through the nut/fastener
Eccentric bolts/bushes for adjustability of wheel	the bolts/bushes are:

alignment (e.g. for camber	 designed as a means of correcting or improving
correction in association with	wheel alignment; and catalogued aftermarket items for the make and model
lowered suspensions)	of vehicle.

Note 1:

The following vehicles with a GVM of 2500 kg or less are required to comply with such a standard:

- o class MA motor vehicles manufactured from 1 March 1999, and
- class MA motor vehicles that were less than 20 years old when they were first registered in New Zealand on or after 1 April 2002, and
- class MB or MC motor vehicles manufactured from 1 October 2003.

Note 2

Strut or spring spacers always require certification

Note 3

The only other allowable methods of adjusting vehicle ride height without LVV certification are leaf spring blocks (as per below requirements) or adjustment of OE equipment (torsion bars or OE adjustable air suspension).

Note 4

When determining if there is sufficient travel remaining, consider a case where the vehicle is laden and in use.

Note 5

Sufficient clearance must be maintained from the travel-limiting bump stop (not an O.E spring aid). The spring aid and/or bump stop must not be modified. A spring aid is a low-density conformable material that is fitted inside a coil spring or above a leaf spring by a vehicle manufacturer to assist the spring and acts as the bump stop <u>only</u> once it is fully compressed. The spring aid may be contacted at any loading condition to increase the vehicle's spring rate, but the vehicle must retain sufficient wheel travel as per Note 4. A bump stop is a small high-density rubber bumper that is designed to stop vehicle suspension or driveline components from coming into contact with the vehicle structure at the extremes of its suspension travel and is not designed to carry the load of the vehicle for sustained periods of time.

Note 6

Rebound wheel travel should be measured as the difference between the distance from the top of the tyre and the wheel arch with the vehicle resting on the ground and the top of the tyre to the wheel arch with the vehicle lifted so that its tyres are clear of the ground (Suspension hanging in full rebound). This difference must be greater than 40mm.

Note 7

Does not include such items as exhaust pipes and exterior body panels that do not contribute to the structural strength of the vehicle.

10-1 Tyres and wheels

All sections updated (modifications may have additional criteria in each section).

Fitting of or	LVV certification not required provided that:
modification to:	
Wheels	the wheels:
	\circ are of a known and reputable brand, and
	 would be considered an appropriate fitment for the vehicle type by the wheel manufacturer, and
	o are not modified, and
	\circ do not have spacers or adaptors fitted, and
	 have a load rating acceptable for the axle rating (or vehicle GVM where axle rating is not available)
	Note: Where the wheel load rating is not visible a note should be made on the WoF/CoF checksheet and the operator should be informed to have the load rating checked. Insufficient load rating is only a reason for rejection if the load rating is visible and not sufficient.
Tyres	the tyres:
	 have an outer circumference that is no more than 5% greater than OE, and
	 are an appropriate selection for rim width (see https://www.lvvta.org.nz/documents/infosheets/LVVTA_Info_01-2009_V3_Tyre_Size_to_Wheel_Size_Compatibility_Guide.pdf, and
	 have a load rating suitable for the axle (or vehicle where axle mass is not available)
	 have a speed rating suitable for the vehicle
	the tyre tread does not protrude beyond:
	 in the case of a vehicle that is not a class NA or class MC vehicle, the unmodified original body panels or factory fitted mudguard extension/flare; or in the case of an class NA or class MC vehicle, 25mm outside of the unmodified original body panels, provided that a flare or wheel arch extension covers the full width of the tyre tread.
	Note: an original full-size spare wheel/tyre can be used for comparison of tyre size

10-3 Mudguards

(modifications may have additional criteria in each section).

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Mudguards and mudguard extensions	 A mudguard has not been cut during modification, and
	 modified mudguards or extensions have no sharp protrusions, and
	 mudguard extensions are securely attached to the vehicle, and
	 the mudguard/mud flap is no less effective than OE.
	Note 1: Mudguards flared via rolling do not require certification.

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required
Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	 In-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.

13-1 Engine and transmission

These sections have not changed and should be retained as per the current VIRM threshold:

- Gearbox substitution
- Change from 4WD to permanent 2WD

Others added/updated as follows (modifications may have additional criteria in each section).

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Substitution of engines	 When compared with the OE engine, the replacement engine:
	$_{\odot}$ is of the same or less cubic capacity, and
	\circ has equal or less weight, and
	 uses the same fuel (petrol, diesel, LPG, CNG), and
	 uses the same unmodified attachment points and system (i.e. bolts-in), and
	 uses the same family of block and cylinder head from the same vehicle manufacturer, and
	 the block has the same number of cylinders arranged in the same configuration, and
	 the head has the same number of valves and camshafts, and
	 meets the requirements of minor modifications detailed below, and
	 when the minor modifications have been taken into consideration the total power or torque increase is no more than 20% over the O.E engine specification.
Minor engine modifications	 the total modifications (including engine substitutions) are minor, resulting in no more than a 20% power or 20% torque output increase over the OE engine specification,
	 Note that common minor modifications include the fitting of: extractor or free-flow exhaust manifolds, or big bore exhaust systems
	changed intake manifolds
	changed or multiple carburettors
	modified fuel injection systems
	changed ignition systems

 alternative cold air box induction systems.
Note that minor modifications DO NOT include: • fitting of a supercharger, or
• fitting of a turbocharger, or
 upgrading/modifying the supercharger, or
 upgrading/modifying the turbocharger, or
 upgrading/modifying the wastegate, or
 tuning/re-chipping (Note 1) the ECU of a turbocharged or supercharged engine, or
 single camshaft to twin camshaft, or
carburettor to injectors, or
injectors to carburettor, or
• stroker kit, or
 any other capacity increase that exceeds usual reconditioning.

Note 1: Tuning/Re-chipping includes any software or hardware (ECU or piggy back system) change that is intended to alter the fuelling, boost pressure or ignition timing from the OE specifications.

13-2 Fuel System

Existing single line table to be replaced with below three items

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Fuel Lines	 The fuel lines are: of similar construction to the OE fuel lines (i.e. Hard lines are not replaced with flexible lines); and
	 in the OE location and mounted to all the OE fixing clips
In-line fuel filter	The in-line fuel filter is: • of an appropriate pressure rating, and
	 adequately supported, and
	 at least 50mm from the exhaust, and
	• at least 100mm from a catalytic converter.
Electric fuel pump	 The electric fuel pump: is a replacement for a mechanical pump on a carburettor engine, and
	 is adequately supported, and
	does not increase the fuel pressure above OE

Note: All other fuel system modifications require certification

13-5 Electric and Hybrid vehicle electrical system

All sections updated

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification not required provided that:
Fuel system	 See fuel system requirements in <u>Table 13-2-1</u>
	Note: LVV certification is always required for changes to the high voltage electrical system.