

VIRM: IN-SERVICE CERTIFICATION AMENDMENT

April 2020 List of changes and preview pages (WoF and CoF)

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IN THIS AMENDMENT

- General amendment changes
- LVV threshold changes originally signalled for introduction last year (listed together after the general changes)
- Isolation shields do not require glazing markings and can be a permitted modification that does not require LVV certification.

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		
5-1 Glazing	 Isolation shields do not require glazing markings and can be a permitted modification that does not require LVV certification 	
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. 	
7-7 Interior impact	Isolation shields can be a permitted modification that does not require LVV certification	
Heavy vehicles		
5-1 Glazing	Isolation shields do not require glazing markings	
7-7 Interior impact	See general vehicles	
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 regulation 	
Light PSVs		
5-1 Glazing	Isolation shields do not require glazing markings	
7-7 Interior impact	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	OOL CAMPIC IMAGE APACITOR TO SHOW YOURSE PASSENGER ACTUAL
5-1 Glazing	Isolation shields do not require glazing markings
7-7 Interior impact	See general vehicles
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.

PREVIEW PAGES

General vehicles

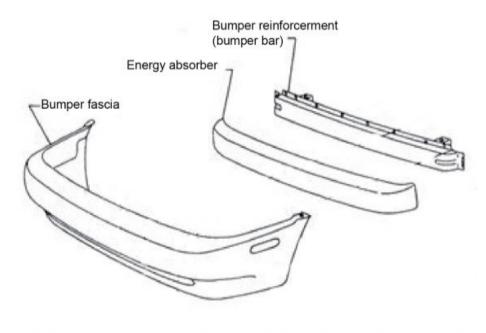
3-1 Structure

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).

Figure 3-1-3. Bumper components structure



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5-1 Glazing

Reasons for rejection

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Glazing markings - visual inspection

- 1. A glazing marking is not permanent, except for glazing marked by a vendor or installer, and fitted in a vehicle before 1 January 1997, which may be marked by means of a self-adhesive label.
- 2. A glazing marking required in Table 5-1-1 or Table 5-1-2 is missing, except for:
 - a) plastic glazing behind the driver's seat in a soft-top convertible, or
 - b) hard plastic material behind the driver's seat in a vehicle manufactured before 1 January 1991, or
 - c) wire glass fitted to a window behind the driver's seat of a dangerous goods vehicle, or
 - d) markings on any isolation shield (see Table 5-1-6) (Note 7).

Note 7

The NZ Transport Agency makes no representations about the effectiveness of these installations, whether they are required, or whether they are sufficient for the purposes of meeting health and safety or other requirements. It takes no responsibility for the installation and use of isolation shields.

Table 5-1-6. Permitted modifications

Fitting of or modification to:	Modification permitted provided that:
Isolation shields (to separate vehicle occupants for the purpose of medical isolation) (Note 7)	The shield: is constructed from a transparent flexible thin film (minimum 80% VLT), and does not interfere with the driver's vision (including through the front side windows, and rear-view mirrors), and does not interfere with the operation of airbags, and does not interfere with the driver's ability to reach vehicle controls (including lights, warning devices, etc.), and is fastened to the vehicle using flexible/breakaway fixings that are unlikely to injure a vehicle occupant, and can be quickly and easily removed to allow for emergency access or exit of the vehicle.
	(Note: the partition/shield should be able to be removed, or broken, with a reasonable push or strike to allow both the driver and passenger/s to use an alternative exit in the event of an emergency.)

7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages

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- 9. A component is missing (Note 19), or is cracked, distorted, damaged or deteriorated in such a way that:
 - a) its strength or integrity is reduced, or
 - 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).

7-7 interior impact

Table 7-7-1. Modifications that do not require LVV certification

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification is not required provided that:
Isolation shields (to separate vehicle occupants for the purpose of medical isolation) (Note 3)	 The shield: is constructed from a transparent flexible thin film, and does not interfere with the driver's vision (including through the front side windows, and rear-view mirrors), and does not interfere with the operation of airbags, and does not interfere with the driver's ability to reach vehicle controls (including lights, warning devices, etc.), and is fastened to the vehicle using flexible/breakaway fixings that are unlikely to injure a vehicle occupant, and can be quickly and easily removed to allow for emergency access or exit of the vehicle. (Note: the partition/shield should be able to be removed, or broken, with a reasonable push or strike to allow both the driver and passenger/s to use an alternative exit in the event of an emergency.)

Note 3

The NZ Transport Agency makes no representations about the effectiveness of these installations, whether they are required, or whether they are sufficient for the purposes of meeting health and safety or other requirements. It takes no responsibility for the installation and use of isolation shields.

Heavy vehicles

5-1 Glazing

Reasons for rejection Tables and images Summary of legislation

Mandatory equipment

- 1. Refer to general vehicle pages.
- 2. A glazing marking required in Table 5-1-8 or Table 5-1-9 is missing, except for:
 - a) hard plastic glazing behind the driver's seat in a vehicle manufactured before 1 January 1991, or
 - d) markings on any isolation shield (see general vehicles Table 5-1-6) (Note 3).

Note 3

The NZ Transport Agency makes no representations about the effectiveness of these installations, whether they are required, or whether they are sufficient for the purposes of meeting health and safety or other requirements. It takes no responsibility for the installation and use of isolation shields.

7-7 interior impact

Reasons for rejection Summary of legislation

Mandatory equipment

1. Where an interior fitting, control or surface has been added, removed, substituted or has deteriorated, the likelihood of injury to occupants has not been minimised.

Modification

Refer to general vehicle pages.

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

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- 3. A 50mm-diameter fifth wheel, other than a rigid fifth wheel, has not been:
 - a) certified to NZS 5450: 1989, or
 - b) certified to all of the following:
 - i. Australian/New Zealand Standard 4968.1-2003, and
 - ii. Australian/New Zealand Standard 4968.2-2003, and
 - iii. Australian Standard 2174-2006, or
 - c) fitted by the vehicle manufacturer in compliance with UN/ECE Regulation 55 (if fitted to an **imported**, powered vehicle).

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Table 12-5-1. Requirements for HVS certification	
HVS certification is required	HVS certification is not required
1. Fitting of a coupling, other than a direct bolt-on replacement. 2. 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

5-1 Glazing

See general vehicles above.

7-7 interior impact

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Modifications

5. Refer to general vehicle pages.

15-1 Certificate of loading

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- 2. The vehicle is one of the following and the CoL is no longer valid:
 - a) the vehicle has been modified so as to require LVV specialist certification, or
 - b) the vehicle has been de-registered, or
 - c) the vehicle has changed use and the requirements for CoL differ for the new use, eg change from goods van to PSV (refer to Introduction: 3-5 Establishing whether a vehicle complies).



Heavy PSVs

5-1 Glazing

See heavy vehicles above.

7-7 interior impact

Reasons for rejection Summary of legislation

Modifications

5. Refer to general vehicle pages.

General trailers

5-1 Service brake, parking brake and breakaway brake

Table 5-1-1. Trailer brake requirements			
Type of Laden weight (Note 5) of the trailer brake			
required	2000kg or less	2001-2500kg	2501-3500kg
Service brake	Not required but, if fitted, must act on each wheel of at least one axle	Required; either direct or indirect service brake must act on each wheel of at least one axle	Required; direct service brake must act on each wheel of at least one axle, or an indirect service brake that complies with UN/ECE Regulation No.13 (see Technical bulletin 15: Identifying compliant hitches and brake systems) Note: A compliant brake system requires a brake on each wheel of the trailer.

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
Silvet 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:
	o 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
	o 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:	LWV cortification not required
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 rearview 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:
	o presents no pedestrian traps (Note 2), and
	o is not angled forward except where necessary to
	clear the contours of the vehicle, and o 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
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 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. 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
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
 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.
See also Table 2-1-1.
Fitting, removal or modification does not weaken the vehicle structure (Note 1). See also Table 2-1-1.
Fitting, removal or modification does not weaken the vehicle structure

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):

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Seats – modification or replacement or	 The seat is of stressed type (see note 1) and is an unmodified OE seat sourced from the same make and model vehicle, and
installation of a seat anchorage after 1	 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
	 no airbag has been removed or disabled, and
	 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	The conversion was completed before 1/3/1999, or
conversions	 The conversion was completed on or after 1/3/1999, and
	o 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</u> <u>13</u>).
	See also Table 3-1-1 and Table 7-5-1

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:	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.

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
- o 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:
	○ present no additional risk of injury, and
	o 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
	o is mounted with a one-piece boss** (Note 2), and
	○ 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 gearshift 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:
	- 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 restrain would provide protection
Aftermarket brake pedal	from head contact with any bar section during a crash. • 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 does not significantly increase the weight of the pedal See also Table 8-1-1
Additional brake and accelerator pedals (for driving school vehicles)	 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
	o not modified in anyway
Brake Lines/Hoses (including	Brake lines or hoses are direct replacements; and
stainless steel braided brake hoses)	the lines or hoses are fitted using all OE mounts.
110303)	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 assist in the operation of the	The spinner is contained within the outer circumference 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
	○ is mounted with a one-piece boss**), and
	o 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
Springs and shock absorbers	within strict criteria the springs or shock absorbers are direct
(Including modification of <i>ride</i>	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 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 down) **Other ride height (up or down)** **Ithe leaf spring suspension has not been raised by any other means, and the leaf spring blocks are:		
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	Eccentric bolts/bushes for adjustability of wheel	the bolts/bushes are:

alignment (e.g. for camber correction in association with lowered suspensions)

- designed as a means of correcting or improving wheel alignment; and
- catalogued aftermarket items for the make and model 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
- o 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 only 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:	
	o 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	
	 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	 A mudguard has not been cut during modification, and
extensions	 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:
	o is of the same or less cubic capacity, and
	o 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 t	hat 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.