5-4 Rear-view mirrors

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment
1. A mandatory rear-view mirror identified in Table 5-4-1 is missing.

Condition
2. A rear-view mirror:
   a) is not mounted securely, or
   b) cannot be adjusted, or
   c) cannot maintain its adjusted position, or
   d) is corroded or dirty, or
   e) is damaged so that it increases the risk of injury to vehicle occupants.

Performance
3. A rear-view mirror:
   a) does not provide a clear view to the rear of the vehicle, or
   b) is not sufficiently isolated from vibrations.

Modifications
4. A modification affects rear-view mirrors, and:
   a) is not excluded from the requirements for LVV specialist certification (Table 5-4-2), and
   b) is missing proof of LVV specialist or accepted overseas certification, ie:
      i. the vehicle is not fitted with a valid LVV certification plate, or
      ii. the operator is not able to produce a valid modification declaration or authority card, or
      iii. the vehicle has not been certified to an accepted overseas system as described in Technical bulletin 13.

Note 1
A vehicle with overlays on the rear side windows and rear screen must be fitted with a left-hand and a right-hand exterior mirror.

Table 5-4-1. Mandatory requirements for rear-view mirrors
For left-hand drive vehicles, read R/H side instead of L/H side, and L/H side instead of R/H side.

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<th>Vehicle class</th>
<th>Year of manufacture</th>
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<td>Before 1 January 2000</td>
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<tr>
<td>MA, MB, MC</td>
<td>External R/H side or interior</td>
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<td>NA</td>
<td>External R/H side or interior</td>
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<td>MD1, MD2</td>
<td>External R/H side and external L/H side</td>
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Table 5-4-2. Modifications that do not require LVV certification

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<th>Fitting of or modification to:</th>
<th>LVV certification is never required:</th>
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<td>Additional or substituted rear-view mirrors, or removal of a non-mandatory mirror</td>
<td>• in-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.</td>
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<td>Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services</td>
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Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation
- Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999

Mandatory equipment
1. A vehicle must be fitted with one or more of the rear-view mirrors listed in Table 5-4-1. 

**Permitted equipment**

2. Additional rear-view mirrors may be fitted.

**Condition**

3. A rear-view mirror must be:
   a) securely attached so that the risk of injury is minimised, and
   b) mounted so that vibration does not inhibit the driver’s required clear view to the rear, and
   c) sufficiently adjustable, and able to maintain its position.

**Performance**

4. A rear-view mirror must provide a clear view to the rear of:
   a) the motor vehicle itself, and
   b) the vehicle’s load, and
   c) any towed trailer and its load.

5. A rear-view mirror must be sufficiently isolated from vibrations.

**Modifications**

6. The fitting of additional rear-view mirrors, or a modification that affects rear-view mirrors, must be inspected and certified by an LVV specialist certifier, unless the vehicle:
   a) is excluded from the requirement for LVV specialist certification (Table 5-4-2), and
   b) has been inspected in accordance with the requirements in this manual, including those for equipment, condition and performance.

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