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## 37 Electronic stability control identification

### Identification of Electronic Stability Control (ESC)

The following evidence is acceptable proof that the vehicle is fitted with an ESC system:

- The presence and correct operation of appropriate ESC tell-tale indicators on the vehicles dashboard
- A Statement of Compliance showing ESC fitment
- A tell-tale indicator like the symbol below refers to an ESC system:



- A tell-tale indicator on the vehicles dashboard comprising one of the following acronyms:

AUDI	<b>ESP (Electronic Stabilization Program)</b>
BMW	<b>DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)</b>
	<b>DTC (Dynamic Traction Control)</b> <b>Note:</b> If a BMW has DTC displayed the vehicle can be accepted as containing an ESC system. The underlying technology to DTC includes DSC - which is an ESC system)
CRYSLER	<b>ESP (Electronic Stability Program)</b>
DAIHATSU	<b>DVS (Daihatsu Vehicle Stability control system)</b>
FORD	<b>ESP (Electronic Stability Program)</b>
	<b>DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)</b>
GM	<b>PSC (Precision Control System)</b>
HOLDEN	<b>ESC (Electronic Stability Control)</b>
HONDA	<b>VSA (Vehicle Stability Assist)</b>
JAGUAR	<b>DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)</b>
LANDROVER	<b>DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)</b>
LEXUS	<b>VSC (Vehicle Stability Control)</b>
	<b>VDIM (Vehicle Dynamics Integration Management)</b>
MASERATI	<b>MSP (Maserati Stability Program)</b>
MAZDA	<b>DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)</b>

MERCEDES-BENZ	<b>ESP (Electronic Stability Program)</b>
MITSUBISHI	<b>ASC (Active Stability Control)</b>
	<b>ASTC (Active Stability and Traction Control)</b>
NISSAN	<b>VDC (Vehicle Dynamics Control)</b>
PORSCHE	<b>PSM (Porsche Stability Management)</b>
SUBARU	<b>VDC (Vehicle Dynamics Control)</b>
SUZUKI	<b>ESP (Electronic Stability Program)</b>
TOYOTA	<b>VDIM (Vehicle Dynamics Integration Management)</b>
	<b>VSC (Vehicle Stability Control)</b>
VOLVO	<b>DSTC (Dynamic Stability and Traction Control)</b>
VOLKSWAGEN	<b>ESP (Electronic Stabilization Program)</b>

The above list is not exhaustive, other manufacturer-specific symbols or acronyms may also be acceptable if the certifier is satisfied that the lamp refers to an ESC system.

However, a tell-tale indicator with the letters 'TC' or 'Traction Control' is **not an indication of ESC** fitment and cannot be accepted as such. The Transport Agency is aware of a letter provided by a Land Rover dealer erroneously stating that vehicles with 'TC' tell-tales are fitted with a form of ESC. This letter cannot be accepted as evidence of ESC fitment.

### Identification of an ESC fault

An ESC fault is normally identified by the tell-tale indicator lamp not extinguishing at the conclusion of the self-check process initiated when the vehicles ignition is switched on.

#### Note 1

Similar to frontal impact and emissions requirements this provision will not apply to:

- an immigrants vehicle, or
- a special interest vehicle, or
- a motorsport vehicle that is operated in accordance with the conditions of a valid low volume vehicle authority card issued for the vehicle in accordance with the Low Volume Vehicle Code, or
- a low volume vehicle that was not originally fitted with an electronic stability control system and is certified in accordance with the Low Volume Vehicle Code, or
- a motor vehicle manufactured, or first registered outside of New Zealand, twenty years or more before the date of its first certification for entry into service in New Zealand.

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