
VIRM: In-service certification amendment 1 March and 1 March 2016

11 March 2016

List of changes and preview pages (WoF only)

In this amendment:

- New definition
- Clarifications to seatbelt requirements in motorhomes (including corrections – see important note below)
- Additional electronic stability control dashboard acronyms.

This document has preview screenshots of the unchanged 1 March amendments and the 11 March corrections – the 11 March corrections are underlined in red. The website versions are highlighted in yellow as per the usual amendment process.

IMPORTANT

Please be advised that the NZ Transport Agency has withdrawn and modified amendments made to these VIRMs:

- **In-service certification**
 - General vehicles: Vehicle interior: 7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages
 - Light PSVs: Vehicle interior: 7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages
 - Heavy vehicles: Vehicle interior: 7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages.
- **Entry certification**
 - Technical bulletin 24: Recording the number of seats for self-propelled motorhomes.

The 1 March 2016 VIRM amendments were issued to correct a discrepancy between *VIRM: In-service certification* and *VIRM: Entry certification* with the [Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002](#). However, a result of the amendment is that it immediately invalidated certain existing motorhome seatbelts, which was not the intent of the amendment.

As a result of the repercussions, the Transport Agency is working to effect a Rule change that will clarify the intent of the Rule and not disadvantage owners of existing motorhomes. In the meantime, please refer to the modified VIRM amendments, which will be retroactively effective 1 March 2016.

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LIST OF CHANGES

Click on the link in the 'Section' column to view the page on the Vehicle inspection portal.

SECTION	CHANGE DESCRIPTION
Introduction	
7 Definitions and abbreviations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KSDP definition added.
General vehicles	
7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarification of motorhome seatbelt requirements for rear seating positions. Includes corrected content.
Technical bulletins (general)	
11 Electronic stability control identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic stability control dashboard acronyms added.

PREVIEW PAGES

Introduction

7 Definitions and abbreviations

KSDP	means key service delivery partner. They are defined as organisations that are contracted or appointed by the Transport Agency to delivery regulatory products or services and who have sufficient market share and/or are of sufficient size and standing within an industry segment to be able to represent and influence the customer expectation of that industry segment.
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General vehicles

7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages

Reasons for rejection	Tables and images	Summary of legislation																									
<p>Table 7-5-3. Vehicles first registered in New Zealand from 1 April 2002</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2">Vehicle class</th> <th rowspan="2">Seating position</th> <th colspan="3">Manufactured</th> </tr> <tr> <th>1/1/1955–31/10/1979</th> <th>1/11/1979–30/9/2003</th> <th>1/10/2003–</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="4">MA, MB, MC LE (without motorcycle controls)</td> <td>Front outer and driver's</td> <td>S^{1, 2}</td> <td>R2^{5, 6}</td> <td>R2^{5, 6}</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Front middle</td> <td>–</td> <td>L</td> <td>L</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rear outer</td> <td>–</td> <td>R2 or R1 or S¹</td> <td><u>L⁸</u> or R2 or R1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rear middle</td> <td>–</td> <td>L or S or R1 or R2</td> <td>L or S or R1 or R2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>⁸ For motorhomes only.</p>			Vehicle class	Seating position	Manufactured			1/1/1955–31/10/1979	1/11/1979–30/9/2003	1/10/2003–	MA, MB, MC LE (without motorcycle controls)	Front outer and driver's	S ^{1, 2}	R2 ^{5, 6}	R2 ^{5, 6}	Front middle	–	L	L	Rear outer	–	R2 or R1 or S ¹	<u>L⁸</u> or R2 or R1	Rear middle	–	L or S or R1 or R2	L or S or R1 or R2
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Table 7-5-4. Requirements for specific motor vehicles

Specific vehicles	Mandatory equipment
Motorhomes (Note 11)	<p>7. Motorhomes manufactured prior to 1 October 2003 or motor vehicles converted to motorhomes prior to 1 October 2003 must have seatbelts fitted that are appropriate for the class of vehicle in which the vehicle was registered when it was registered as a motorhome.</p> <p>8. Motorhomes manufactured from 1 October 2003 or motor vehicles converted to motorhomes from 1 October 2003 must be fitted with the following seatbelts and notice:</p> <p>a) front seating positions: seatbelts must be fitted as specified for class MB vehicles in Table 7-5-3</p> <p>b) rear seating positions: <u>as many or more lap (type L) or lap-and-diagonal (type R1 or R2) seatbelts as there are sleeping berths minus the number of front seating positions.</u></p> <p>c) a notice must be displayed in a prominent location that recommends, on safety grounds, that when the vehicle is travelling, passengers use seats that are fitted with seatbelts, and that advises passengers that it is compulsory to wear fitted seatbelts.</p>

Technical bulletins (general)

11 Electronic stability control identification

- A tell-tale indicator on the vehicle's dashboard comprising one of the following acronyms:

Acronym	Meaning
ASC	Active stability control
DSC	Dynamic stability control
DSTC	Dynamic stability and traction control
ESC	Electronic stability control
ESP	Electronic stability program
MSP	Maserati stability program
PSM	Porsche stability management
VDC	Vehicle dynamic control
VDCS	Vehicle dynamics control systems
VSA	Vehicle stability assist
VSC	Vehicle stability control