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Acting Head of Vehicle Regulation

Geoff Williamson has been appointed as NZTA's Acting Head of Vehicle Regulation for a 6-month fixed term while we complete recruitment for this critical regulatory position.

He brings extensive leadership, strategy and governance skills from 17 years in senior public sector leadership roles, including at the Commerce Commission and Tertiary

Education Commission as well as more than 20 years' experience in financial management, audit and consultant/advisory roles.

Geoff is excited about the opportunity to help shape a system-wide approach to vehicle regulation, with a focus on driving modernisation, efficiency and effectiveness.

WoF

Aftermarket shock absorbers

Please remember that aftermarket shock absorbers with an adjustable spring base plate require LVV certification.

These units typically use an adjustable clip to reposition the base plate, which can be difficult to identify during inspection.

Table 9-1-1 Modifications that do not require LVV certification

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification is not required provided that:
Springs and shock absorbers (including modification of ride height)	Springs and spring seat are not adjustable by any means (unless OE)

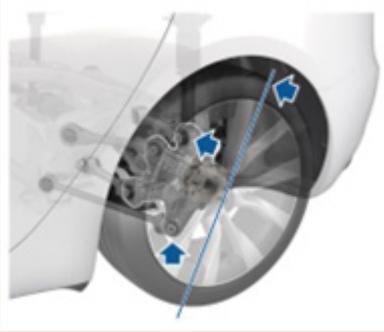


Approved use of NZTA branding

We're aware that the NZTA logo is being used for advertising and marketing. Our logo cannot be used in promotional materials. Only approved use of NZTA's branding is allowed, usually in vehicle inspection check sheets.



Tesla guidance on checking suspension



Tesla has recently received feedback from inspecting organisations on the appropriate method for checking play in rear suspension components.

In response, Tesla has published a manufacturer guidance outlining the preferred inspection method and applicable specifications for these components:

[Clearances of Rear Knuckle Ball Joints](#)

This guidance is intended to support vehicle inspections and should be applied alongside the VIRM.

Outcome of consultation on new light entry certification appointments

After receiving support from new light entry certifiers, we decided to adopt the proposed changes to the New Light Entry Certification appointment process.

This means that NZTA is asking current new light entry certifiers to go through a new appointment process and will:

- appoint an inspecting organisation (IO) who will have a vehicle compliance inspector (VCI). This will replace the current new entry certifier appointment.
- extend the appointment period to 10 years.
- move performance reviews from the current Performance Review System (PRS) to the Quality Management System (QMS).

Information about the consultation and reappointment process is available on our website.

[Consultation on new light entry certification appointments](#)

[New light entry certification inspecting organisation and vehicle inspector applications](#)

WoF quiz

- 1 What must a vehicle inspector do when a vehicle is presented with an LVV data plate to confirm that the modifications have been certified and that the modifications match the vehicle?
- 2 In which 2 instances **must** the completed WoF check sheet be supplied to the vehicle owner/operator?
- 3 When is the latest that a WoF inspection can be entered into the NZTA system when using VIC?
- 4 A vehicle manufactured on or after 1 January 1919 that is at least 40 years old can be issued a WoF for how long?
- 5 Under what circumstances can a vehicle that has failed inspection be driven?

Answers are on the last page.

We're now emailing certificates of authority (E-COAs)

The inspecting organisation certificate of authority (COA) is no longer being sent by mail.

We're now sending the COAs by email as an attached electronic file (E-COA), which is much more efficient and prevents delays.

What this means for you

When you receive your E-COA please print and display it in a location where it's clearly visible to your customers.

If you can't display it, you must ensure it is available for inspection on request.

Repair | Entry

VIN photo for *Repair certification - unable to enter notes form*

From 16 March, you'll need to upload a photo of the vehicle's VIN or chassis number when completing a Repair certification - unable to enter notes form. This will ensure the vehicle details are captured correctly.

The online form has been updated to include this function.

nzta.govt.nz/repair-notes

CoF

Industry alert - risk of trailers disconnecting

A reminder that in December last year, we issued an industry alert to warn about the risk of trailers becoming disconnected. Please check information for inspectors, certifiers and repairers.

[Industry alert: Risk of trailers disconnecting from incorrect coupling and damaged couplings](#)

WoF

Lift platforms tongue tube cracks

Some models of the Haulotte mobile lift work platform (cherry picker) have developed cracks in the drawbar tongue tube, as shown in the images below. If you find a crack during a WoF inspection, fail the vehicle and refer it to the local Haulotte dealer for assessment and repair.

How to inspect

Check for cracks or evidence of cracks on the tongue tube, especially in the area under the boom rest cradle.

Here are examples of a platform with no crack (left) and one with a crack that should be failed (right).



What the...!

If you come across anything a bit dodgy, send in some pictures with your thoughts and tell us how you dealt with it. Just email inspectionnews@nzta.govt.nz with 'Inspection news' in the subject line.



DIY sound system above - DIY 'unnoticeable' seatbelt repair below



WoF quiz answers

1. Scan the data plate with an NFC reader or look up the vehicle details on the LVVTA website.
[VIRM Introduction, 3-1 Duties and responsibilities, Note 2](#)
2. If a fail is recorded or the customer requests it
[VIRM introduction, 3-6 Check sheets](#)
3. The day of inspection
[VIRM introduction, 3-7 Recording the inspection outcome \('determination'\) The day of inspection](#)
4. 12 months from the reference date
[VIRM Introduction - 3-8 Issuing the WoF or CoF label - 'evidence of vehicle inspection' - or temporary permit - 3.8.1 Expiry dates](#)
5. Only for the purpose of bringing it into compliance
[VIRM Introduction, 3-10 Operating a vehicle without a current WoF or CoF](#)

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