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5-3 Windscreen wipe and wash

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle of class LC or LD manufactured on or after 1 January 2000 that is fitted with a windscreen (not a wind deflector) is not fitted with a windscreen wipe and wash system.

Condition

Windscreen wipe system

2. The wiper operating device is missing.
3. A wiper arm or wiper blade is:
 - a) missing, or
 - b) insecure, or
 - c) damaged so as to affect the performance of the wipers.
4. The wiper operating mechanism is:
 - a) missing, or
 - b) insecure, or
 - c) damaged so as to affect the performance of the wipers.

Windscreen wash system

5. A wash system component is missing or insecure.
6. The wash operating device is missing.

Performance

Windscreen wipe system

7. A windscreen wiper does not wipe the windscreen effectively, preventing adequate forward vision by the driver.
8. The wipe operating device is unable to activate the wipe system.

Windscreen wash system

9. A windscreen wash nozzle does not discharge washer liquid directly onto the windscreen.

10. The wash operating device is unable to activate the wash system.

Modifications

11. A modification affects a windscreen wipe system, and:

- a) is not excluded from the requirements for LVV specialist certification (Table 5-3-1), 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](#)

Table 5-3-1. Modifications that do not require LVV certification

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification is never required:
Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• in-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999](#).

Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle of class LC or LD manufactured on or after 1 January 2000 that is fitted with a windscreen must have a windscreen wipe and wash system.

Permitted equipment

2. A vehicle may be fitted with a wash system when this is not required.

Condition

3. A windscreen wipe and wash system that is fitted to a vehicle of class LC or LD manufactured on or after 1 January 2000, **or any vehicle of class LE**, must be efficient and within the vehicle manufacturer's operating limits.

Performance

4. A windscreen wipe and wash system that is fitted to a vehicle of class LC or LD manufactured on or after 1 January 2000, **or any vehicle of class LE**, must be capable of keeping an adequate area of the windscreen clean and clear so that the vehicle may be operated safely under all reasonably foreseeable conditions.

Modifications

5. An OE windscreen washing or wiping system may be removed from a vehicle manufactured before 1 January 2000.

6. A modification to the windscreen wipe system must be inspected and certified by an LVV specialist certifier unless the vehicle:

- a) is excluded from the requirement for LVV specialist certification (Table 5-3-1), and
- b) has been inspected in accordance with the requirements in this manual, including those for equipment, condition, and performance.

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