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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"><li>• in-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.</li></ul>

## 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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