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## 4-3 Cornering lamps

### Reasons for rejection

#### Permitted and prohibited equipment

1. A self-propelled vehicle is fitted with:
  - a) only one lamp, or
  - b) more than one pair of lamps, or
  - c) a lamp that either:
    - i. was not originally fitted by the vehicle manufacturer, or
    - ii. is not fitted in the original position.
2. A trailer is fitted with cornering lamps.

#### Condition

3. A lamp is insecure.
4. A lens is missing or has a hole, crack or other damage that allows moisture or dirt to enter.
5. A lamp's reflector is damaged or has deteriorated so that light output is reduced.

#### Performance

6. When activated by switching on the direction indicator lamp or by turning the steering wheel, a cornering lamp does not:
  - a) operate, or
  - b) project in the direction of the turn.
7. A cornering lamp emits light that is:
  - a) not substantially white or amber, or
  - b) not approximately equal in colour or intensity to the other lamp in a pair, or
  - c) not steady, or
  - d) not bright enough to illuminate the road ahead in the direction of the turn, eg due to modification, deterioration, dirt or an incorrect light source, or
  - e) too bright, causing dazzle to other road users, eg due to an incorrect light source or misalignment.
8. Where a cornering lamp comprises an array of light sources (eg LEDs), less than 75% of these operate.

### **Note 1**

**Cornering lamp** means a lamp that is designed to emit light at the front of a vehicle to supplement the vehicle's headlamps by illuminating the road ahead in the direction of the turn.

### **Note 2**

An original equipment (OE) lamp is one that is fitted by the vehicle manufacturer in the original position, or is an equivalent replacement or aftermarket lamp suitable for the position provided by the vehicle manufacturer for that lamp. All other lamps are considered retrofitted (ie non-OE).

### **Note 3**

A vehicle originally manufactured with a cornering-lamp arrangement that differs from what is required or permitted in this section may retain the original cornering lamps provided they remain fitted in their original position and perform as intended by the vehicle manufacturer.

## **Summary of legislation**

### **Applicable legislation**

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004](#)

### **Permitted and prohibited equipment**

1. A self-propelled vehicle may have one pair of cornering lamps fitted as OE.
2. A trailer must not be fitted with cornering lamps.

### **Condition**

3. A cornering lamp must be in sound condition.

### **Performance**

4. A cornering lamp must operate in a way that is appropriate for the lamp and the vehicle.
5. A cornering lamp must emit light that is substantially white or amber.
6. A pair of cornering lamps must emit light that is approximately equal in colour and intensity.
7. A cornering lamp must emit a steady light.
8. A cornering lamp must provide sufficient light output to illuminate the road ahead in the direction of the turn.
9. A cornering lamp must be correctly aligned.
10. Where a cornering lamp comprises an array of light sources (eg LEDs), at least 75% of these must operate.