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13-2 Fuel system (light PSV)

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory requirements

1. A PSV is not fitted with a device to compensate the internal pressure without fuel overflow and without fuel spillage, even in the case of roll-over of the PSV (Note 1).

Mandatory equipment

2. A vehicle does not comply with the requirements relating to mandatory equipment set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 13-2](#)

Condition and performance

3. A vehicle does not comply with a requirement relating to condition or performance set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 13-2](#)

Note 1

A fuel cap, similar to a car one, with a valve in it, or a valve fitted to the top of the tank will meet this requirement. If there is doubt, the vehicle inspector must obtain evidence that the vehicle does comply.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999](#)

Mandatory requirements

1. The design and location of fuel tanks must:

a) for a vehicle which entered service as a PSV in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000, incorporate a device to compensate the internal pressure without fuel overflow and without fuel spillage, even in the case of roll-over of the PSV, or

b) for a vehicle which entered service as a PSV in New Zealand before 1 July 2000, ensure that any fuel overflow will not accumulate on any part of the vehicle.

Mandatory equipment

2. A vehicle must comply with the requirements relating to mandatory equipment set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 13-2](#)

Condition and performance

3. A vehicle must comply with the requirements relating to condition and performance set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 13-2](#)