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Extract taken from: Entry certification > Inspection and certification > Vehicle interior > Head restraints

7-3 Head restraints

Reasons for rejection

Compliance with approved standards

1. A head restraint that is required to comply with an approved head restraint standard did not comply, or cannot be demonstrated to have complied, with at least one of the standards listed in Table 7-3-1 at the time the vehicle was manufactured or the head restraint was fitted.

Condition, performance and modification

2. A head restraint does not comply with a requirement relating to condition, performance or modification set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-3](#)

Table 7-3-1. Approved head restraint standards*

UN-ECE Regulation no.	EEC/EC Directive	FMVSS	ADR	Japan
17	78/932	202	22	Technical Standard for Head Restraints
25	74/408		3	Article 22–4
	81/577			
	96/37			
	2005/39			

* A head restraint that is required to comply with an approved head restraint standard must comply with at least one of the standards listed in the table.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Head Restraints 2001](#)

Compliance with approved standards

1. Head restraints in the following vehicles must comply with one or more of the approved head restraint standards in Table 7-3-1:

- vehicles of class MA, MB, MC and MD1 manufactured on or after 1 March 1999.

Condition, performance and modification

2. Head restraints must comply with the requirements relating to condition, performance and modification set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-3](#)

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