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## 5-3 Windscreen wipe and wash

### Reasons for rejection

#### Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle that has a windscreen is not fitted with a windscreen wipe system.
2. A vehicle manufactured on or after 1 January 2001 that is fitted with a windscreen is not fitted with a windscreen wash system.
3. A vehicle manufactured on or after 1 January 1960 is fitted with wipers that are not power driven.

#### Condition

#### Windscreen wipe system

4. The wiper operating device is missing.
5. A wiper arm or wiper blade is:
  - a) missing, or
  - b) insecure, or
  - c) damaged so as to affect the performance of the wipers.
6. 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

7. A wash system component is missing or insecure.
8. The wash operating device is missing.

#### Performance

#### Windscreen wipe system

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

### **Windscreen wash system**

11. A windscreen wash nozzle does not discharge washer liquid directly onto the windscreen.
12. The wash operating device is unable to activate the wash system.

## **Summary of legislation**

### **Applicable legislation**

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

### **Mandatory equipment**

1. A vehicle manufactured before 1 January 2001 that is fitted with a windscreen must have a windscreen wipe system.
2. A vehicle manufactured on or after 1 January 2001 that is fitted with a windscreen must have a windscreen wipe and wash system.
3. Windscreen wipers must be power driven, unless they follow OE specifications in a vehicle manufactured before 1 January 1960.

### **Permitted equipment**

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

### **Condition**

5. A vehicle's windscreen wipe system must be efficient and within the vehicle manufacturer's operating limits.

### **Performance**

6. The equipment fitted 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.