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## 10-4 Headboards, sideboards and tailboards

### Reasons for rejection

#### Condition

1. A headboard, sideboard or tailboard:

- a) is not securely attached, or
- b) has a fastener that is missing or loose, or significantly corroded, or
- c) is cracked or significantly distorted or corroded.

#### Note 1

**Headboard** means the substantially vertical part of the forward end of a flat-deck or curtain-sided body of a vehicle.

**Sideboard** means the substantially vertical part of the side of a flat-deck body of a vehicle.

**Tailboard** means the substantially vertical part of the rear end of a flat-deck or curtain-sided body of a vehicle.

## Summary of legislation

#### Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicles 2004](#).

#### Condition

1. A headboard, sideboard or tailboard fitted to a vehicle for the purpose of restraining a load on that vehicle must be of adequate strength to withstand load forces without incurring permanent deformation.

2. A headboard, sideboard or tailboard must be fitted to a vehicle in a way that ensures that the parts of the vehicle to which it is attached are able to withstand the forces exerted by the headboard, sideboard or tailboard without incurring permanent deformation.