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5-4 Rear-view mirrors

Reasons for rejection

Rear-view mirror includes a camera monitor system that uses cameras that are mounted in order to have the same or a similar view as a rear-view mirror and that displays the images viewed by the camera on a monitor inside the vehicle that is visible to the driver.

Mandatory equipment

1. A mandatory rear-view mirror identified in Table 5-4-1 is missing.

Condition

2. A rear-view mirror:

- a) is not mounted securely, or
- b) cannot be adjusted, or
- c) cannot maintain its adjusted position, or
- d) is corroded or dirty, or
- e) is damaged so that it increases the risk of injury to vehicle occupants.

Performance

3. A rear-view mirror:

- a) does not provide a clear view to the rear of the vehicle, or
- b) is not sufficiently isolated from vibrations.

Modifications

4. A modification affects rear-view mirrors, and:

- a) is not excluded from the requirements for LVV specialist certification (Table 5-4-2), and
- b) is missing proof of LVV specialist **or accepted overseas** certification, ie:
 - i. the vehicle is not fitted with a valid LVV certification plate, or
 - ii. the operator is not able to produce a valid modification declaration or authority card, **or**
 - iii. the vehicle has not been certified to an accepted overseas system as described in **Technical bulletin 13**.

Note 1

A vehicle with overlays on the rear side windows and rear screen must be fitted with a left-hand and a right-hand exterior mirror.

Table 5-4-1. Mandatory requirements for rear-view mirrors

For **left-hand drive** vehicles, read R/H side instead of L/H side, and L/H side instead of R/H side.

Vehicle class	Year of manufacture	
	Before 1 January 2000	From 1 January 2000
MA, MB, MC	External R/H side or interior	External R/H side and interior
NA	External R/H side or interior	External R/H side and interior or external L/H side
MD1, MD2	External R/H side and external L/H side	External R/H side and external L/H side

Table 5-4-2. Modifications that do not require LVV certification

Fitting of or modification to:	LVV certification is never required:
Additional or substituted rear-view mirrors , or removal of a non-mandatory mirror	<ul style="list-style-type: none">in-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.
Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

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

Mandatory equipment

- A vehicle must be fitted with one or more of the rear-view mirrors listed in Table 5-4-1.

Permitted equipment

- Additional rear-view mirrors may be fitted.

Condition

- A rear-view mirror must be:

- a) securely attached so that the risk of injury is minimised, and
- b) mounted so that vibration does not inhibit the driver's required clear view to the rear, and
- c) sufficiently adjustable, and able to maintain its position.

Performance

4. A rear-view mirror must provide a clear view to the rear of:

- a) the motor vehicle itself, and
- b) the vehicle's load, and
- c) any towed trailer and its load.

5. A rear-view mirror must be sufficiently isolated from vibrations.

Modifications

6. The fitting of additional rear-view mirrors, or a modification that affects rear-view mirrors, must be inspected and certified by an LVV specialist certifier, unless the vehicle:

- a) is excluded from the requirement for LVV specialist certification (Table 5-4-2), and
- b) has been inspected in accordance with the requirements in this manual, including those for equipment, condition and performance.

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