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5-4 Rear-view mirrors

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle fitted with a permanent cab is not fitted with a rear-view mirror.
2. A vehicle with tint film overlays on a rear or rear-side window is not fitted with an exterior rear-view mirror on each side.

Condition

3. 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

4. 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.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

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

Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle must be fitted with a rear-view mirror.
2. A vehicle with tint film overlays on the rear or rear -side windows must be fitted with a left-hand and a right-hand exterior mirror.

Permitted equipment

3. Additional rear-view mirrors may be fitted.

Condition

4. 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

5. 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.

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