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Extract taken from: Entry certification > Inspection and certification > Brakes > Service brake and park brake (heavy trailers)

8-1 Service brake and park brake (heavy trailers)

See also [Heavy vehicle brake testing: CoF and entry certification brake test protocol and procedure](#)

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle does not comply with a requirement relating to mandatory equipment set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 5-1](#)
2. A vehicle in Table 8-1-4 has not been certified as set out in that table.

Condition, performance and modification

3. A vehicle or brake does not comply with a requirement relating to condition, performance or modification set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 5-1](#)

Table 8-1-4. Heavy-vehicle brakes – compliance requirements for class TC and TD vehicles

Conditions applying	Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operated in a combination with a GM¹ >39?44 t, and • first registered in New Zealand 1 March 2007 to 30 June 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakaway brake, and • HVBS(2) Heavy Vehicle Braking Specification of 6 December 1998, or • HVBC(2) Heavy Vehicle Brake Code, second edition, or • HVBNZ New Zealand Heavy Vehicle Brake Specification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First registered on or after 1 July 2008 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakaway brake, and • HVBNZ New Zealand Heavy Vehicle Brake Specification

¹ GM means gross mass.

² The appropriate brakes standard code must be entered into the standards code field in the ILOAD screen on LANDATA (refer to page 3-1-1 of the [LATIS agents' manual](#)).

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Heavy-vehicle Brakes 2006](#)

Mandatory equipment

1. Vehicles must comply with the requirements relating to mandatory equipment set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 5-1](#)
2. The brakes on class TC and TD vehicles must comply with requirements in Table 8-1-4.

Condition, performance and modification

3. Brakes must be easily adjustable to compensate for wear and must be maintained in good condition and efficient working order.
4. Vehicles and brakes must also comply with the requirements relating to condition, performance and modification set out in the [VIRM: In-service certification, section 5-1](#)