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14-5 Curtain systems

Reasons for rejection

Condition

1. A load-rated curtain (Note 1) (Note 2):
 - a) is ripped, or
 - b) has deteriorated, resulting in weakening of the curtain material, eg crazing, brittleness or stiffness, or
 - c) has become detached from the frame, or
 - d) has been poorly repaired.
2. A load-rated curtain-tensioning system component:
 - a) is missing, or
 - b) is not securely attached, or
 - c) is damaged, cracked or deformed, or
 - d) has significant corrosion damage, or
 - e) is worn beyond manufacturer's specifications, or
 - f) does not function correctly.
3. A non-load-rated curtain has deteriorated to such an extent that parts could come loose (Note 3).

Note 1

For the purposes of this inspection, a **load-rated curtain** is one that has labelling that includes the manufacturer's load rating in kilograms per metre.

Note 2

Advice from the curtain manufacturer may be required in case of doubt about damage and deterioration limits and quality of repairs.

Note 3

For curtain sliders that are not load rated, refer to section [14-1 Load anchorages](#) for requirements.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

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

Mandatory equipment

1. If a vehicle has a curtain-sided body that is constructed to secure a load on a vehicle, each curtain and curtain anchorage system must:

- a) have a manufacturer's load rating appropriate for all conditions of loading and operation of the vehicle, and
- b) be clearly marked with the manufacturer's load rating in kilograms per metre, in a position on the curtain that is readily accessible for inspection purposes.

Condition

2. Load-securing equipment that is fitted to a vehicle must be constructed to ensure that the load can be securely contained on the vehicle under all conditions of loading and operation for which the vehicle was constructed.