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7-13 Audible warning devices

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A self-propelled vehicle is:

a) not fitted with a horn, or

b) fitted with a bell, whistle or siren that is not part of an anti-theft car alarm, personal security alarm or a reversing warning device.

Performance

2. The horn does not operate when activated.

3. The horn operates when not activated.

4. The sound from the horn is not steady and continuous, eg the horn plays a tune.

5. The horn is not audible at a distance of 100m.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment 2004](#).

Mandatory equipment

1. A self-propelled vehicle must be fitted with a device (horn) that is audible to other road users.

Permitted equipment

2. A self-propelled vehicle may be fitted with a bell, whistle or siren that is part of an anti-theft car alarm, personal security alarm or a reversing warning device.

Performance

3. The device must be in good working order.

4. The device must be capable of giving a warning that is audible under normal traffic conditions from a distance of at least 100m.