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Extract taken from: In-service certification (WoF and CoF) > Heavy trailers > Lighting > Stop lamps

## 4-10 Stop lamps

### Reasons for rejection

#### Mandatory and permitted equipment

1. Refer to [general trailer pages](#).
2. A heavy trailer is fitted at the rear with:
  - a) only one top-mounted lamp, or
  - b) more than one pair of top-mounted lamps, or
  - c) top-mounted lamps that are not mounted as close as is practicable to the top corners of the bodywork.
3. A stop lamp (other than top-mounted lamps):
  - a) in the case of a vehicle with one or one pair, is fitted at a height from the ground exceeding 1.5m (or 2.1m where fitting below 1.5m is not practicable due to the shape of the bodywork of the vehicle), or
  - b) in the case of a vehicle with two pairs:
    - i. the lower pair is fitted at a height from the ground exceeding 1.5m (or 2.1m where fitting below 1.5m is not practicable due to the shape of the bodywork of the vehicle), or
    - ii. the other pair is fitted at a height from the ground exceeding 2.1m.

#### Condition

4. Refer to [general trailer pages](#).

#### Performance

5. Refer to [general trailer pages](#).

#### Note 1

**Stop lamp** means a lamp that is designed to operate when the service brake is activated.

#### Note 2

A permitted stop lamp that does not comply with equipment, condition and performance requirements must be made to comply or be disabled so that it does not emit a light.

# Summary of legislation

## Applicable legislation

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

## Permitted equipment

1. A heavy trailer may be fitted with an additional pair of stop lamps that must be symmetrically mounted as near the top corners of the bodywork of the vehicle as is practicable (top-mounted lamps).
2. Stop lamps (excluding top-mounted lamps) may be mounted as follows:
  - a) one lamp or one pair at a height from the ground not exceeding 1.5 m, if this is not practicable due to the shape of the bodywork of the vehicle, not exceeding 2.1m, and
  - b) a second pair at a height from the ground not exceeding 2.1m.

## Condition

3. Refer to [general trailer pages](#).

## Performance

4. Refer to [general trailer pages](#).

## Modifications

5. Refer to [general trailer pages](#).