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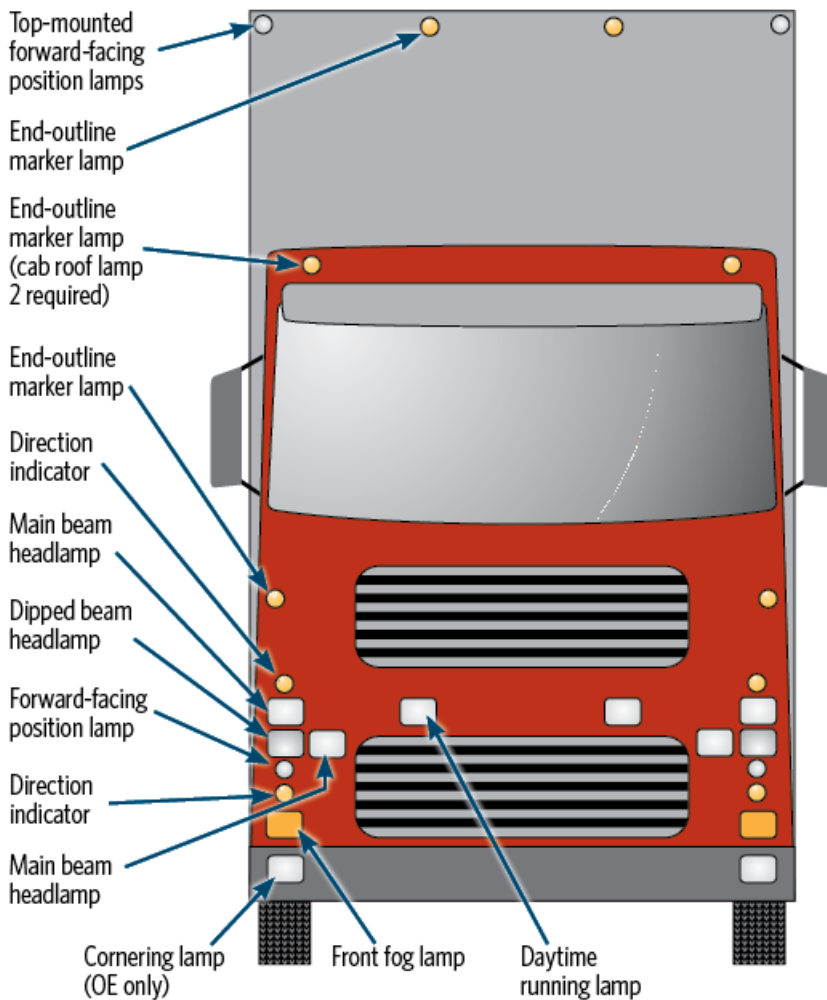
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Identifying heavy vehicle lights – front of vehicle

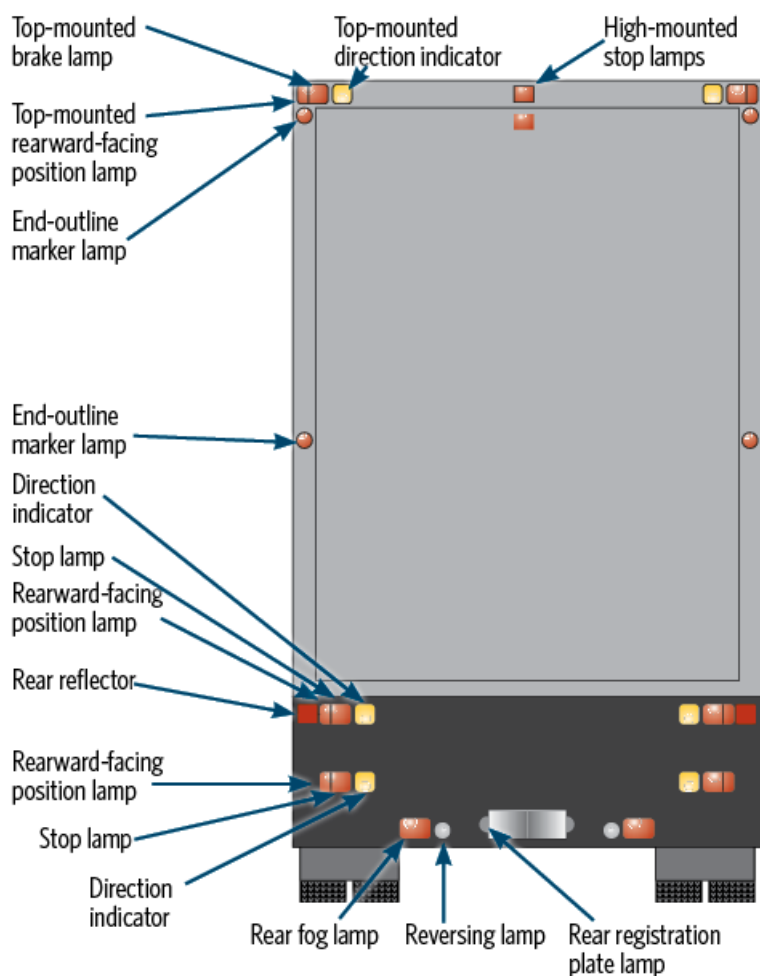
Front lights



Heavy vehicle front mandatory lamps totals (Note 1) (Note 2)

Type of front lamp	Minimum number	Maximum number	Other requirements
Headlamps - dipped beam	1 pair	1 pair	2 pair may be fitted if registered 01/01/1977 - 31/03/1980
Direction indicator lamps	1 pair	2 pair	Vehicle first registered anywhere from 01/07/1967
Direction indicator side lamps	1 pair	2 pair	Vehicle first registered from 01/01/1978, and exceeds 9.2m length
Forward facing position lamp	1 pair	1 pair	Vehicle first registered from 01/01/1978 that exceeds 1.5m width, or vehicle exceeds 2m width
End outline marker lamps	2 (Cab roof)	Unlimited	Vehicle first registered before 27/02/2005, and GVM exceeds 11,300kg, or combination exceeds 9.2m length
End outline marker lamps	2 (Cab roof)	12	Vehicle manufactured before 01/04/2011, and GVM exceeds 11,300kg, or combination exceeds 9.2m length
End outline marker lamps	2	12	Vehicle manufactured from 1/04/2011, and vehicle GVM/GCM exceeds 12,000kg, or combo exceeds 2.1m width
End outline marker lamps	2	6	Vehicle manufactured from 1/04/2011, and vehicle exceeds 2.1m width

Identifying heavy vehicle lights – rear of vehicle



Note 1

Land Transport Rule Vehicle Lighting 2004, s1.4(3) Lighting equipment that, before 27 February 2005, was approved for fitting to a vehicle under any enactment in force immediately before the commencement of this rule, whether or not the lighting equipment was required to be fitted, may remain fitted on or after 27 February 2005 if it complies with the relevant safety requirements in this rule.

Note 2

Definition: Position lamp – a low intensity lamp to indicate the presence and dimensions of a vehicle, being: a forward facing position lamp (front side lamp), a rearward facing position lamp (rear side lamp or tail lamp), a side marker lamp, an end outline marker lamp (includes cab roof lamp).