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7-1 Seats and seat anchorages

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. Refer to [general vehicle pages](#).

Condition and performance

2. Refer to [general vehicle pages](#).

Modification and repair

3. A modification or repair since 1 April 2002 (Note 1) affects a seat or seat anchorage and:
 - a) is not excluded from the requirements for HVS certification (Table 7-1-2), or
 - b) the modification is not for the purpose of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services, or
 - c) is missing proof of HVS certification, ie **the vehicle has been modified or repaired, and:**
 - i. no LANDATA record has been entered, or
 - ii. no valid LT400 form from an HVS certifier of category HVEC or HMCD has been presented.

Note 1

If the vehicle inspector is in doubt as to when the modification or repair was carried out the onus is on the vehicle owner to provide evidence to support their claim or specialist certification will be required.

Table 7-1-2. Requirements for HVS certification

| Certification required | Certification not required |
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| <p>1. Retrofitting a seat that:</p> <p>a) has an integrated seatbelt, or</p> <p>b) is not fitted to existing unmodified OE seat anchorages.</p> | <p>1. Seat modification or replacement, or installation of a seat anchorage, provided that:</p> <p>a) the seat is either an unmodified OE seat from another vehicle or of a known and reputable aftermarket brand, and</p> <p>i. the seat is fitted to unmodified OE seat anchorages, and</p> <p>ii. the anchorage or operation of seatbelts is not affected, and</p> <p>iii. the relationship between seat, seat occupant, and location of the seatbelt anchorages is not affected.</p> <p>2. Removal of seats and/or seatbelts (however, a class change and a new load rating may be required in some cases).</p> <p>3. Fitting or modification to seat pads or covers.</p> <p>4. Any repair or modification not listed in the left-hand column unless the vehicle inspector considers that certification is required because the modification or repair has affected the vehicle's safety performance (a second opinion from an expert may be needed, eg the manufacturer's representative, or a reputable workshop).</p> |

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Seats and Seat Anchorages 2002.](#)

Mandatory equipment

1. Refer to to [general vehicle pages](#).

Condition and performance

2. Refer to to [general vehicle pages](#).

Modifications

3. A modification on or after 1 April 2002 (Note 1) that affects a seat or seat anchorage must be inspected and certified by an HVS certifier of category HVEC or HMCD unless the vehicle:

- a) is excluded from the requirement for HVS certification (Table 7-1-2), and

b) has been inspected in accordance with the requirements in this manual, including those for equipment, condition and performance.

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