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## 7-6 Frontal impact airbags

### Reasons for rejection

#### Mandatory equipment

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

#### Condition and performance

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

#### Modification

3. A modification affects an airbag system (eg an airbag has been removed or made inoperable, including retrofitting a switch), and
  - a) the modification is not for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services, or
  - b) 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 a HVS certifier of category HVEC or HMCD has been presented.
4. A motor vehicle that has an airbag system removed or made inoperable and been certified as above does not:
  - a) have all OE signs, lights, or other devices that indicated that the vehicle was fitted with an airbag removed, or
  - b) if the signs, lights or other devices cannot be readily removed, have a label that indicates an airbag has been removed permanently attached in a prominent location where it is clearly visible to any occupant of the seating position that was previously protected by the airbag.

#### Note 1

Some modifications are permitted, but they must always be LVV certified. The only modifications permitted are:

1. fitting a switch to render an airbag temporarily inoperable, and
2. the removal or permanent deactivation of an airbag in a vehicle that:
  - is at least 14 years old, or
  - has been adapted for a person with a disability, or
  - has been extensively modified for motorsport use.

**Table 7-6-1. Modifications that do not require LVV certification**

<b>Fitting of or modification to:</b>	<b>LVV certification is never required:</b>
Any modification for the purposes of law enforcement or the provision of emergency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• in-service requirements for condition and performance must be met.</li></ul>

## Summary of legislation

### Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Frontal Impact 2001.](#)

### Mandatory equipment

1. A frontal impact airbag and its operating system must remain operational if the vehicle was originally manufactured with a frontal impact airbag.
2. An airbag warning light system must remain operational if it was fitted by the vehicle manufacturer.
3. A motor vehicle must not have a sign, light, or other device that indicates the vehicle is fitted with an airbag if it is not fitted with an airbag.
4. A motor vehicle must not have a light or other device indicating an airbag operating system is operable if it is inoperable.

### Permitted equipment

5. A switch may be installed as OE to render an airbag temporarily inoperable.

### Condition and performance

6. An airbag and its operating system must be safe and in good condition.
7. An airbag warning light fitted by the manufacturer must remain operational.

### Modification

8. A motor vehicle that has had an airbag removed or made inoperable must either:
  - a) have all OE signs lights, or other devices that indicated the vehicle was fitted with an airbag removed, or
  - b) if the signs, lights, or other devices cannot be readily removed, have a label that indicates an airbag has been removed permanently attached in a prominent location where it is clearly visible to any occupant of the seating position that was previously protected by the airbag.
9. A modification that affects an airbag system must be inspected and certified by an LVV specialist certifier, unless the vehicle is:
  - a) excluded from the requirement for LVV specialist certification (Table 7-6-1), and
  - b) has been inspected in accordance with the requirements in this manual, including those for equipment, condition and performance.

