Correct as at 16th September 2026. It may be superseded at any time.

Extract taken from: In-service certification (WoF and CoF) > Light PSVs > Vehicle interior > Interior impact

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Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. An outdoor-access vehicle is not fitted with energy-absorbent material on all the interior surfaces that could come into contact with the occupants when the vehicle is vigorously manoeuvring or in a crash.

2. A motor vehicle that entered service as a PSV in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000 is not fitted with energy-absorbent material to:

a) the tops of exposed partitions, which are less than 1.2m high, situated in front of seats, or

b) the tops of seats, except in the following limited areas:

i. at the upper corners of seat backs which are dedicated handholds and which are integrated parts of the seat frames

ii. where the upper point of a lap-and-diagonal seatbelt is fitted.

Condition and performance

3. Refer to **general vehicle pages**.

4. Energy-absorbent material is missing, damaged or has deteriorated to the extent that the likelihood of injury to passengers is increased.

Modifications

5. Refer to **general vehicle pages**.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- **Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999**.

Mandatory equipment

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