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Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A heavy PSV first registered on or after 1 September 1966 and before 1 September 1999 is not fitted with an axle stop, shackle stop or similar device to prevent the front axle from moving backwards to such an extent that the driver is likely to lose directional control should a suspension component fail in service.

Prohibited equipment

2. A passenger service vehicle has its steering column to the left of the longitudinal centreline of the body of the vehicle (meaning left-hand drive).

Condition and performance

3. Refer to [heavy vehicle pages](#).
4. The condition of the PSV is such that excessive body sway is likely to adversely affect the steering stability.
5. An axle stop, shackle or other suspension safeguard is:
- missing (where originally fitted), or
 - insecure, or
 - bent, or
 - cracked, or
 - excessively corroded or otherwise weakened.

Modification and repair

6. Refer to [heavy vehicle pages](#).

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999](#)
- [PSV \(Constructional\) Regulations 1978](#)

Mandatory equipment

1. A heavy PSV first registered on or after 1 September 1966 and before 1 September 1999 must be fitted with axle stops, shackle stops or other devices to prevent the front axle from moving backwards to such an extent that the driver is likely to lose directional control should a suspension component fail in service.

Permitted equipment

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

Prohibited equipment

3. A left-hand drive may not enter service as a passenger service vehicle.

Condition and performance

3. Refer to [heavy vehicle pages](#).

4. A PSV must be maintained so that no excessive body sway will occur which is likely to adversely affect the steering stability.

5. Axle stops, shackles, or similar devices must be maintained within safe tolerance of their original condition.

Modification and repair

6. Refer to [heavy vehicle pages](#).

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