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## 7-5 Seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages

### Mandatory equipment (Note 2)

1. Refer to [general vehicle pages](#).
2. A class NB or NC vehicle is not fitted with seatbelts as specified in Table 7-5-7, and the requirements for specific vehicles in Table 7-5-4 (general vehicle pages) are not met.
3. A motorhome is not fitted with seatbelts as specified in Table 7-5-7.
4. A three-point seatbelt imported and distributed by BVL (Business Ventures Limited) and manufactured by Changzhou BWD, China or Jiang Su Jiu Jiu Traffic Facilities Co. Ltd. is installed (See Figure 7-5-1 for samples to help identify the seatbelts).
  - See also the [Safety alert: Seatbelts imported by BVL \(Business Ventures Limited\)](#)
5. A re-webbed seatbelt is fitted without evidence of exemption from requirements by NZTA.
  - See [Technical bulletin: Seatbelt repair and re-webbing](#)

### Condition

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

### Performance

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

### Modification and repair

8. A modification or repair since 1 April 2002 affects a seatbelt or seatbelt anchorage and:
  - a) is not excluded from the requirements for HVS certification (Table 7-5-8), 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.
9. The seatbelt assembly has been removed after it was rejected for one or more reasons for rejection due to **Condition** or **Performance** (above), whether or not the seatbelt is required to be fitted.

### Note 1

On NZ Army Pinzgauer vehicles, the belts/harnesses fitted in the rear are attached to load anchorage points certified to NZS 5444. They are not considered to be seatbelts for the purpose of CoF inspections.

**Note 2**

Except as provided by Table 7-5-8, item 5, any seatbelt fitted to a seating position of a vehicle—either having been entry certified (as originally manufactured or modified) or subsequently specialist certified—must remain and be restored when damaged. It cannot be removed on the grounds that Table 7-5-7 doesn't require a seatbelt.

**Table 7-5-7. Seatbelt requirements for heavy vehicles (first registered in New Zealand from 1 April 2002) and all heavy motorhomes (first registered anytime)**

Vehicle class	Seating position	Manufactured <sup>3</sup>	
		before 1 October 2003	from 1 October 2003
NB, NC	Front outer and driver's	–	R2 <sup>2</sup>
	Front middle	–	L
	Rear outer <sup>1</sup>	–	–
	Rear middle <sup>1</sup>	–	–
Motorhome	Front outer and driver's	–	R2
	Front middle	–	L
	Rear outer <sup>1, 4</sup>	–	R1 or R2 or L
	Rear middle <sup>4</sup>	–	L or S or R1 or R2
	Rear sideways-facing <sup>1, 4</sup>	-	L

<sup>1</sup> A sideways-facing seating position in a vehicle first registered in New Zealand before 1 October 2002 may be fitted with a seatbelt of any type, and in a vehicle first registered from 1 October 2002 may be fitted with a seat belt that is a lapbelt only.

<sup>2</sup> Front type R1 seatbelts may remain fitted if they were fitted as OE and have a declaration issued by a certifier, or a plate affixed to the vehicle in a position approved by NZTA.

<sup>3</sup> For a motorhome, manufactured means motor vehicles converted to motorhomes as well as manufactured as motorhomes.

<sup>4</sup> Rear seating positions: at least as many lap (type L) or lap-and-diagonal (type R1 or R2) seatbelts as there are sleeping berths minus the number of front seating positions.

**Table 7-5-8. Certification requirements for seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages**

HVS certification is required	HVS certification is not required
<p>1. Retrofitting of seatbelt anchorages, including seats with integrated seatbelts (for Pinzgauers see (Note 1)).</p> <p>2. Fitting of an alternative type of seatbelt.</p>	<p>1. Fitting of or modification to seatbelts, when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the modification is approved by the seatbelt or vehicle manufacturer, or</li> <li>b) the modification is temporary for the accommodation of a child restraint, and does not:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. affect the performance of the child restraint, or</li> <li>ii. cause injury to a vehicle occupant, or</li> <li>iii. cause damage to the seatbelt.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2. Top-tether anchorage for a child seat or harness, when the installation has been carried out in accordance with the instructions of the seat or harness manufacturer.</p> <p>3. Fitting of unmodified seatbelts.</p> <p>4. Retrofitting type-tested rear seatbelt anchorages.</p> <p>5. Removal of seatbelts (full or partial) where the seating position has been removed (Note 2).</p> <p>6. 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>

**Figure 7-5-1. Identifying seatbelts by BVL (Business Ventures Limited) and manufactured by Changzhou BWD, China or Jiang Su Jiu Jiu Traffic Facilities Co. Ltd.**



**Applicable legislation**

- [Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002](#)

**Mandatory equipment**

1. Refer to [general vehicle pages](#).
2. A class NB or NC vehicle must be fitted with seatbelts as specified in Table 7-5-7.
3. A motorhome manufactured on or after 1 October 2003 or a motor vehicle converted into a motorhome on or after 1 October 2003 must be fitted with seatbelts as specified in Table 7-5-7.

**Permitted equipment**

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

## **Condition**

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

## **Performance**

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

## **Modification**

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

8. The fitting of an alternative type of seatbelt, or a modification on or after 1 April 2002 that affects a seatbelt anchorage in a heavy vehicle, must be inspected and certified by an HVS certifier of category HVEC or HMCD unless the vehicle is:

- a) excluded from the requirement for HVS certification (Table 7-5-8), and
- b) has been inspected in accordance with the requirements in this manual, including those for equipment, condition and performance.

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