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Extract taken from: Entry certification > Inspection and certification > Vehicle exterior

2 Vehicle exterior

2-1 External projections

Reasons for rejection

Compliance with approved standards

1. A vehicle of class MA, MB, MC, MD1 or NA manufactured on or after 1 March 1998 must comply with one or more of the approved external projection standards in Table 2-1-1.

Condition, performance and modification

2. External projections must comply with the requirements relating to condition, performance and modification set out in:

- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-1, general vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-1, heavy vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-1, light PSVs](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-1, heavy PSVs](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-1, motorcycles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-1, heavy trailers.](#)

Note 1

If a vehicle is fitted with an auxiliary bar (eg a bullbar), see:

[Technical bulletin 6 – Auxiliary bars.](#)

Note 2

Motor vehicles produced for (non-export models) and registered within the USA must comply with the U.S. Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Therefore, they are not required to comply with an exterior projection standard, if unmodified and a rear-view mirror standard is listed.

Table 2-1-1. List of approved external projection standards*

UN-ECE Regulation no.	EEC/EC Directive	ADR	Japan
26 or 61 for commercial vehicles	74/483 79/488 87/354 2007/15 92/114 (for class N vehicles)	42, General Safety Requirements (section on external and internal protrusions) 92	Article 18 Technical Standard (TS) for impact reduction of outside rearview mirrors, and if fitted with an air spoiler, structural standard for air spoilers

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Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: External Projections 2001](#).

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2-2 Dimensions

Vehicles must comply with the requirements relating to mandatory equipment set out according to their vehicle type in:

- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-2, general vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-2, heavy vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-2, light PSVs](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-2, heavy PSVs](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-2 heavy trailers](#)

- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 2-3, motorcycles.](#)

There are no additional requirements in respect of dimensions for the inspection and certification of vehicles for entry into service.