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9-3 Replacement components

Reasons for rejection

1. A replacement component, part or system that must comply with an approved vehicle standard does not.
2. A replacement component, part or system that must comply with an approved vehicle standard complies with an earlier version of the standard than the vehicle being repaired was certified to.
3. A replacement component, part or system that must comply with an approved vehicle standard complies with a more recent version of the standard than the vehicle being repaired was certified to, and this compromises the safety of the component, part or system.
4. A component, part or system that does not have to comply with a vehicle standard has been repaired using replacement components, parts or systems that:
 - a) are not fit for the purpose, or
 - b) do not meet the vehicle manufacturer's specifications, or
 - c) do not meet the specifications of an approved supplier to the vehicle manufacturer, or
 - d) do not meet the specifications of an approved standards institution.
5. Used replacement components, parts or systems have been fitted and:
 - a) there is no evidence of the origin of the component, part or system, or
 - b) there is no evidence that the donor vehicle meets the same standards as the vehicle being repaired, or
 - c) the replacement component, part or system does not meet the same specifications as the replaced component, part or system, or
 - d) the component, part or system is outside the manufacturer's tolerances or specifications.

Note 1

The fitment of aftermarket panels made from composite materials may adversely effect the frontal impact compliance of a vehicle.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Repair 1998.](#)

Repair requirements

1. New or used replacement systems, components and equipment used in a repair must comply with an approved vehicle standard applicable to the year of manufacture of the vehicle, system, component or equipment (or later).
2. If there is no applicable approved vehicle standard, new or used replacement systems, components or equipment used in a repair must be fit for the purpose for which they are to be used by reference to:
 - a) the vehicle manufacturer's specifications for original performance, or
 - b) the original equipment supplier's manufacturer's specifications, or
 - c) later specifications for the same systems, components and equipment issued or approved by the vehicle manufacturer, or
 - d) the manufacturing and materials specifications of an approved standards institution for the systems, components and equipment.

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