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1-8 Location and ground clearances

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. An installation to NZS 5422: 1987, Part 1 does not meet all the requirements in the left-hand column of Table 1-8-1.
2. An installation to AS/NZS 1425: 2003 does not meet all the requirements in either:
 - a) the right-hand column of Table 1-8-1, or
 - b) the left-hand column of Table 1-8-1 if the requirements in the right-hand column are not practicable.

Table 1-8-1. Location and ground clearance requirements

Requirements from NZS 5422: 1987: Part 1	Requirements from AS/NZS 1425: 2003
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Containers, fittings and pipework must be mounted inside the perimeter of the vehicle. 2. Container valves on externally mounted containers must be positioned no less than 200mm from the vehicle extremities. 3. A container must not be fitted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) on the roof or above a passenger compartment b) forward of the rear of the driver's seat in its rearmost position without specific approval c) in a position beneath the vehicle that decreases the effective ground clearance. 4. A container located between or behind the axles must be within the zone limit shown in Figure 1-8-1. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The whole of a fuel container, compartment and subcompartment must lie within the ground clearance zone limits indicated by Table 1-8-2 and Figure 1-8-2 and Figure 1-8-3. 2. A container must not be mounted outside the body contour to the front or sides of the vehicle. 3. A container must not be mounted outside the body contour to the rear or top of the vehicle without specific approval. 4. A container installed inside a vehicle must not be mounted forward of the rear of the driver's seat in its rearmost position.

Table 1-8-2. Ground clearance zone limits (requirements from AS/NZS 1425: 2003)

Vehicle mass ¹	Chassis ground clearance at rear of vehicle	Figure that shows ground clearance zone limits
Less than 4500kg	600mm or less	Figure 1-8-2
Less than 4500kg	More than 600mm	Figure 1-8-3
4500kg or more	600mm or less	Figure 1-8-2
4500kg or more	More than 600mm	Figure 1-8-3

¹ Unladen mass with fuel, coolant and oil containers full.

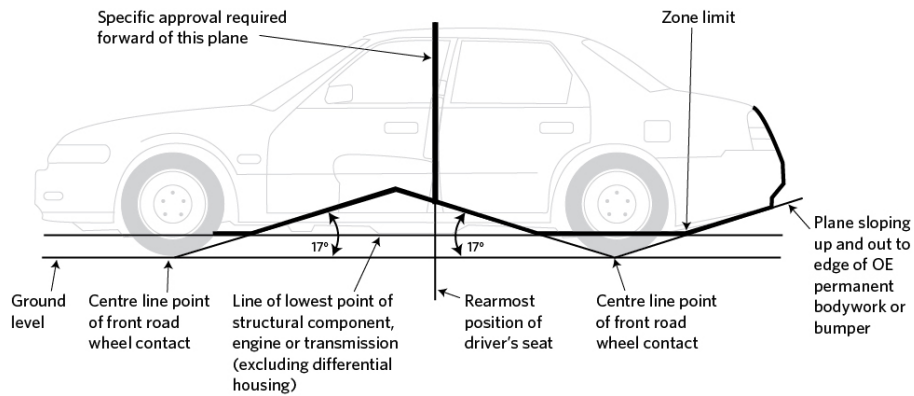


Figure 1-8-1. Zone limit for container location (requirements from NZS 5422: 1987, Part 1)

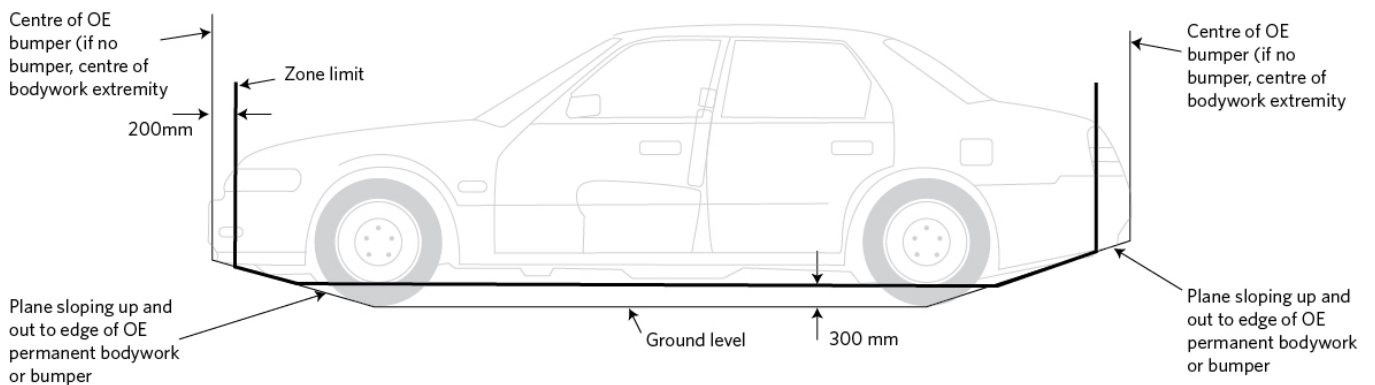


Figure 1-8-2. Ground clearance zone limits for a small vehicle (requirements from AS/NZS 1425: 2003)

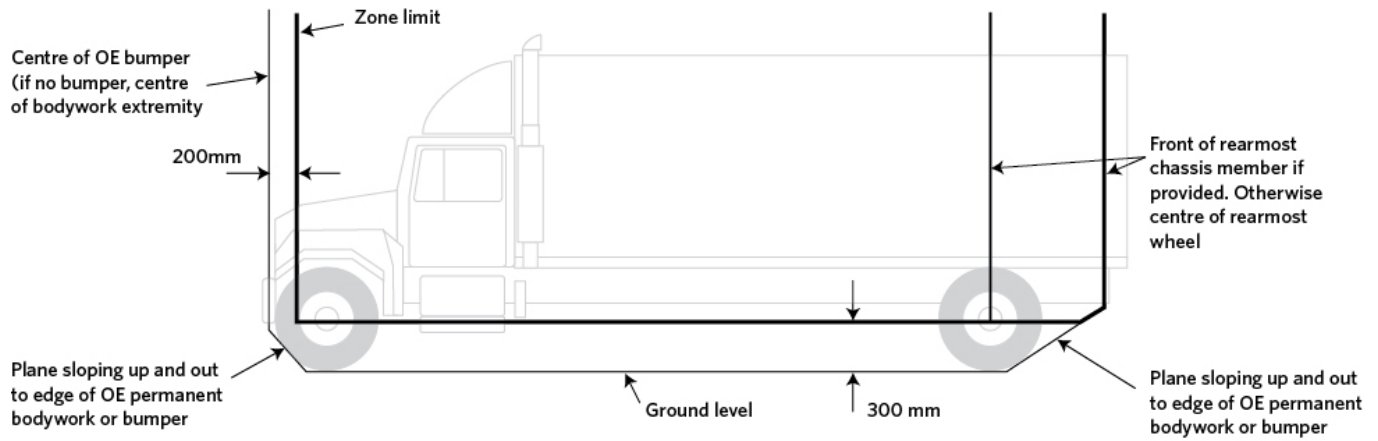


Figure 1-8-3. Ground clearance zone limits for a large vehicle (requirements from AS/NZS 1425: 2003)

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002](#)
- [Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Equipment 2004](#)
- NZS 5422: 1987, Part 1, section 2.3
- AS/NZS1425: 2003, section 6.9.2(o)
- AS/NZS1425: 2003, section 3.19.

Mandatory equipment

1. An installation to NZS 5422: 1987, Part 1 must meet the requirements in the left-hand column of Table 1-8-1.
2. An installation to AS/NZS 1425: 2003 must meet the requirements in the right-hand column or, if this is not practicable, the requirements in the left-hand column of Table 1-8-1.