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Identification of Electronic Stability Control (ESC)

The following evidence is acceptable proof that the vehicle is fitted with an ESC system:

- The presence and correct operation of appropriate ESC tell-tale indicators on the vehicle's dashboard
- A tell-tale indicator like the symbol below refers to an ESC system:



- A tell-tale indicator on the vehicle's dashboard comprising one of the following acronyms:

AUDI	ESP (Electronic Stabilization Program)
BMW	DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)
	DTC (Dynamic Traction Control) Note: If a BMW has DTC displayed the vehicle can be accepted as containing an ESC system. The underlying technology to DTC includes DSC - which is an ESC system)
CRYSLER	ESP (Electronic Stability Program)
DAIHATSU	DVS (Daihatsu Vehicle Stability control system)
FORD	ESP (Electronic Stability Program)
	DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)
GM	PSC (Precision Control System)
HOLDEN	ESC (Electronic Stability Control)
HONDA	VSA (Vehicle Stability Assist)
JAGUAR	DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)
LANDROVER	DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)
LEXUS	VSC (Vehicle Stability Control)
	VDIM (Vehicle Dynamics Integration Management)
MASERATI	MSP (Maserati Stability Program)
MAZDA	DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)
MERCEDES-BENZ	ESP (Electronic Stability Program)
MINI	DSC (Dynamic Stability Control)

MITSUBISHI	ASC (Active Stability Control)
	ASTC (Active Stability and Traction Control)
NISSAN	VDC (Vehicle Dynamics Control)
PORSCHE	PSM (Porsche Stability Management)
SUBARU	VDC (Vehicle Dynamics Control)
SUZUKI	ESP (Electronic Stability Program)
TOYOTA	VDIM (Vehicle Dynamics Integration Management)
	VSC (Vehicle Stability Control)
VOLVO	DSTC (Dynamic Stability and Traction Control)
VOLKSWAGEN	ESP (Electronic Stabilization Program)

The above list is not exhaustive, other manufacturer-specific symbols or acronyms may also be acceptable if the certifier is satisfied that the lamp refers to an ESC system.

However, a tell-tale indicator with the letters 'TC' or 'Traction Control' is **not an indication of ESC** fitment and cannot be accepted as such. The Transport Agency is aware of a letter provided by a Land Rover dealer erroneously stating that vehicles with 'TC' tell-tales are fitted with a form of ESC. This letter cannot be accepted as evidence of ESC fitment.

Identification of an ESC fault

An ESC fault is normally identified by the tell-tale indicator lamp not extinguishing at the conclusion of the self-check process initiated when the vehicle's ignition is switched on.

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