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7-1 Seats and seat anchorages

Reasons for rejection

Mandatory equipment

1. A driver's seat is not fitted in a vehicle that was originally fitted with a driver's seat.
2. A seat in a self-propelled vehicle is not attached to the vehicle structure by seat anchorages.

Condition and performance

3. A seat frame or structure has been weakened, eg due to damage, corrosion or excessive wear.
4. The adjustment mechanism of a driver's seat:
 - a) does not operate, or
 - b) is worn, causing excessive movement of the seat.
5. The attachment of the seat to the seat anchorage is loose or weakened by damage.
6. The attachment of the seat anchorage to the vehicle structure is loose or weakened by damage.
7. The driver's seat is in such a condition that it does not allow the driver to have proper control of the vehicle.

Note 1

A seat may be capable of being rotated or placed to face in different directions.

Note 2

Corrosion damage is where the metal has been eaten away, which is evident by pitting. The outward sign of such corrosion damage is typically displayed by the lifting or bubbling of paint. In extreme cases, the area affected by the corrosion damage will fall out and leave a hole.

Summary of legislation

Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Seats and Seat Anchorages 2002.](#)

Mandatory equipment

1. A driver's seat in a vehicle must remain fitted.

2. A seat in a self-propelled vehicle must be fitted to the vehicle structure by means of seat anchorages.

Condition and performance

3. Seats and seat anchorages must be safe, strong, in sound condition and compatible in strength with each other and with the vehicle structure.

4. The driver's seat and its anchorages must be designed, constructed and maintained to enable the driver to have proper control of the vehicle.

5. Seats and seat anchorages must be securely attached to the vehicle structure.

6. When a seatbelt or any part of the seatbelt is integral to a seat, the seat and seat anchorages must be compatible in strength with the seatbelt or with that part of the seatbelt attached to the seat.