

Vehicle inspection requirements manual (VIRM) references

This bulletin gives guidance to vehicle inspectors in applying the following requirements in the *VIRM: Entry certification*:

- Brakes 8-1 Service brake and park brake.

Application

Under *Land Transport Rule: Heavy Vehicle Brakes 2006*, when a heavy powered vehicle undergoes entry-level certification in New Zealand, proof that the vehicle was manufactured to meet an approved brakes standard may be required.

This technical bulletin applies to all class **MD3, MD4, ME, NB and NC** vehicles being certified for entry into New Zealand that are required to meet approved brakes standards.

Any one of the following methods may be used to prove a vehicle was manufactured to meet approved brake standards.

NEW INFORMATION**Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured anywhere**

1. A statement of compliance including an approved brakes standard.
Example: See Reference material 16, or
2. The vehicle is a make and model listed on [click here](#) or go to www.landtransport.govt.nz/certifiers/virm-entry/4-technical-bulletin-31-table1.pdf as distributed by the Motor Industry Association of New Zealand (MIA) and sold through its franchise dealer network.

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the Japanese market

1. A vehicle manufactured in Japan for the Japanese market on or after 1/7/2000, but not previously registered in Japan, an original completion inspection certificate
Example: See Reference material 20, or
2. A vehicle manufactured in Japan for the Japanese market and previously registered in Japan on or after 1/7/2000, an original Japanese de-registration, export or detailed registration history certificate
Example: See Reference material 17, 18, 19 and 21.

Note These vehicles will meet Japanese Technical Standards.

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the Australian market

An ADR compliance plate on a vehicle manufactured on or after 1/7/1979

Example: See Reference material 29.

Acceptable proof of brakes rule compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the European market

1. An EC whole vehicle approval plate
Example: See Reference material 26, or
2. A UN/ECE compliance plate listing an approved brakes standard
Example: See Reference material 25.

Acceptable proof of brakes compliance for new or used vehicles manufactured for the United States market

1. Original documents confirming the vehicle was manufactured for the United States market and would be permitted for use on public roads in the United States, and a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) plate or label affixed to the vehicle
Example: See Reference material 27 and 28, or
2. An FMVSS plate or label affixed to a vehicle with air brakes manufactured on or after 1/1/1975, or a vehicle with hydraulic brakes manufactured on or after 1/9/1983, or a vehicle with electric brakes manufactured on or after 1/11/1997, and original documents confirming the vehicle was first registered in the United States
Example: See Reference material 27.

Action

The appropriate brakes standard code must be entered into the standards code field in the ILOAD screen on LANDATA (refer to page 3-1-1 of the LATIS agent's manual).

If the vehicle does not have evidence of compliance with an approved brakes standard, the entry inspector must fail the vehicle and refer the vehicle owner to the NZTA's Driver and Vehicle Certification Unit (phone 0800 699 000; mail PO Box 5084, Wellington 6145) for further advice.