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JOINT HEARING ASSEMBLY AND SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES APRIL 2, 1975

Members Present:

Senators: Schofield, Gojack, Monroe, Herr Neal, Blackmore, Raggio

Assemblyman: Glover

Guests:

(See Attached Sheet)

Senator Herr, Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. She introduced Mr. Brad Crittencler from the U.S. Dept of Transportation in San Francisco who in turn introduced the main speaker, Frank Grenier, U.S. Dept of Transportation, Washington D.C.

Mr. Grenier presented written testimony of his entire presentation. (See attached) The time was very limited so he very briefly went thru his testimony as to why these inspections were necessary and why it was important to require that the wheels be removed to detect defects in the brake system. He said it would take about 5 minutes to remove a wheel, but by removing both wheels, 3/4 of the defects could be detected in the brake system.

Senator Herr announced that time was running out. She suggested that Mr. Grenier get together with the Dept of Motor Vehicle and the Highway Safety Board to determine the exact cost to the constituents for this type of inspection and to also find a way to sell this inspection to the constituents. There was no time for questions. Mr. Hill did inquire as to how many states required that the wheels be pulled in the inspection. Mr. Grenier stated that 10 now and 10 more were working on it. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

JOINT SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

# HEARING

This agenda cancels and supersedes the agenda of April 2, 1975 COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Wednesday

Date April 2, 1975 Time 12:00 NoonRoom 131

Bill or Resolution to be considered

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Subject

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SB 121

# Requires vehicle safety inspections

(PMVI Demonstration)

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It is surprising to discover the number of motorists who believe that their cars, much like their bodies, are destined never to wear out regardless of abuse or lack of care. At the risk of being repetitive, I should like to say that "until we discover how to achieve perpetual motion, the best engineered machine we can build is goint to wear out."

Lets compare the automotive brake system to our body. Comparing the automobile brake system to the human body would replace the brake system with the heart. The driver replaces the brain.

Fig. J It becomes obvious that a defect in the brake system could be fatal. A hydraulic leak, a frayed hose, cracked or worn off lining, could be equivalent to a coronary. The severity of the coronary is proportional to the extent of the defect. The criticality of the braking system is of the highest magnitude.

With present automobile brake designs and current inspection technology, it becomes obvious that to inspect the brake linings for thickness and cracks, to inspect brake slave cylinders, to inspect calipher assemblies, wheels must be pulled.

- Fig. IV The well-known Indiana study of accident causes concluded that brake system factors were a certain cause in 4 percent of the accidents investigated, and were a definite or probable factor in six percent of the cases studied.
- Fig.∑ Other studies such as Contract No. HS-354-3-716 showed a 34 percent vehicle rejection rate because of brakes. Well over half (approximately 65 percent) were defects which were exposed when the wheels were removed. This study was conducted in our D.C. inspection lanes and included the inspection of 936 passenger vehicles.
- Fig. XI An additional 119 passenger vehicles were inspected at the D.C. inspection lanes. Fifty-seven cars were rejected from mechanical defects exposed when wheel removals were executed.
- Frg. XII Ultrasystems, Inc., under Contract No. FH-11-7525 recorded from 2,476 inspected vehicles the following:
- Fig. ZIII TRW under Contract No. FH-11-6964 recorded from 20,909. vehicles the following brake defects.

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Figures V, VI, VII and VIII show brake defects which are detected from wheel pulling. For practical reasons, the current design of brake systems, coupled with the available diagnostic techniques leaves no other method of inspecting these components other than visual.

In a study completed by TRW entitled "Component Degradation, Braking Systems Performance" (Contrace No. DOT-FH-11-6964) December 30, 1969, it was recorded that those vehicles that have worn through the brake lining and have metal to metal surfaces, the stopping distance from 60 to 0 mph increased an average of 20%.

The Bendix Corporation ran dynamometer tests in which shoes for both the front disc and rear drum brakes were tested with no friction material on them. The test was adjusted so that only the 35 reburnish stops and the effectiveness stops were to be run. The brakes seized-up due to friction welding during the fifth burnish stop. During this stop, the front torque went from approximately 10,000 in-1b to greater than 22,500 in-1b where the stud bolts sheared off causing a lost of front torque. Also, the rear torque increased from 7,500 in-1b to over 20,000 in-lb where the shoes bent and the stud holes in the drum back were severly deformed. The instantaneous torque may have been very much higher since the response of the instrumentation recording system is limited to approximately The result of such torque imbalance is an uncontrolled 10 Hz.

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The foremost objection to removing the wheels for brake inspection has been the cost. Figures have been quoted as high as \$15.00 for pulling wheels.

Fig. IX Figure IX shows an estimated cost under \$1 for pulling two wheels. The assumption is based on a time factor of 10 minutes for the two wheels and inspector salaries of 8 to 10 thousand dollars per year. Not considering overhead, vacation and insurance, the 8 to 10 thousand per salary equates into \$3.85 and \$4.81/hr. respectively.

Fig. X Figure X is a breakdown of the wheel pulling functions. The elapsed time (shown as △ ½ ) is derived from our own experience in the D.C. lane, an Alaska study, and from an AVCO contract DOT-HS-5-0137 shown in Figures XI, XII and Fig. XIII.

According to the 1974 edition of "Accident Facts" there were 41,020 non-pedestrian, non-motorcycle rider fatalities, 21,362,400 property damage involvements. Using the data from the NHTSA 1972 edition of "Societal Costs of Motor Vehicle Fig.XIV Accidents" we observe the following information:

Loss per fatality	-	\$200 <b>,</b> 000		
Loss per injury	-	7,200		
Property damage only	-	300	per	involvement

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The total 1973 societal loss therefore was \$26.54 billion. Fig. XX Referring again to the Indiana study, a definite involvement as causative factors was established in not less than 6 percent of accidents with a statistical confidence of 95 percent. In Figure XV this 95 percent confidence is portrayed as certain. The probable has an 80 percent confidence and possible has not been estimated with a confidence level.

> Certain was established when there was no doubt or difference of opinion whatever, in each case strong supportable evidence was manifested. By the way, the "Rosig" report presented at the 1970 International Automobile Safety Conference recorded 452 brake deficient vehicles in a 1,172 vehicle population. Their 38 percent brake deficiencies compares with our Indiana report of 40 percent. That is 40 or 38 percent of the mechanical deficiencies which cause or contribute to an accident.

The probable category is likewise always supported by good evidence but either due to the nature of the judgment being made, or due to the necessity of relying on a witness's statement, the credibility of which can only be estimated or some similar reason, the possibility of error is recognized and expressed by application of the probable rating.

Of the total \$26.54 billion societal costs of motor vehicle accidents, vehicular defects contribute at least \$1.6 billion and perhaps as much as \$7.0 billion but probably not more than \$4.3 billion. 175

It should be reasonable to complete the emphasis standards with other safety checks in 15 to 20 minutes. This includes two wheel pulls and requires no interpretations during the inspection. The additional five to ten minutes are for inspecting the tires, brake light, other brake components, and additional safety systems other than the required brakes and tires.

Using a \$6/per hr. labor rate, 20 minutes will cost the inspection facility \$2. Because our new cost effective inspection procedures have eliminated the cost of capital equipment, the high cost of amortization is no longer a factor.

Raising the garage door, driving the car into the bay, scraping off the sticker, writing the report, vacations, insurance, overhead, and let's not forget our honest profit, can double the \$2 cost.

We can now understand why and how States such as Pennsylvania and New Hampshire charge \$4 to \$4.50 for removing two wheels. In Virginia, which charges \$3 for one wheel removal, try and remove an inspection station's certificate!

By the way, the average charge in the State of Virginia charged during 1973 to repair cars to comply with inspection at the inspection station was \$1.35. This is not to say that the vehicle did not have a brake repair done elsewhere, in fact, more than likely did. I emphasize this point to

illustrate that under State supervision "Rip-offs" can be 1777 minimized.

Justifications for motor vehicle inspections have been known for many years, and various opinion polls (e.g., in Belgium, France and Germany) have shown that the public supports this need. Most experts also accept this, but based on heuristic judgments rather than hard, quantitative data. Indeed, few concrete conclusions can be drawn from the available accident data. Thus, estimates as to the number of accidents in which vehicle defects can be listed as a causative factor, range from 6 to 18 percent. Almost no data are available on the number of accidents that were averted because some defect identified in an inspection was corrected.

The difficulty is readily seen in numerically described the positive results of motor vehicle inspections or, for that matter, any other accident avoidance or primary safety action. While one can readily count the accidents that occur, it is virtually impossible to count the accidents that were averted. The motorist might know that because recently repaired brakes he was saved from having an accident, but this fact never appears in any official statistical summary.

Notwithstanding seemingly indisputable logic in its support, motor vehicle inspection is subject to much questioning and controversy regarding both its technology and its benefits. Both are closely interrelated; better inspection

techniques should result in lives saved by better identifying needed repairs before they cause accidents. Better inspection techniques should reduce the likelihood that owners will be required to spend money on unnecessary repairs. Modern technology can guard against "under inspection" which requires owners to complete unnecessary repairs.

There is a continuing need in upgrading various aspects of motor vehicle inspections. This upgrading is primarily in the inspection procedures and techniques involved in the safety inspection of the brake systems.

Because of the high criticality and at the same time to the highest known vehicle cause of motor vehicle accidents it becomes obvious that improvements and upgrading of motor vehicle inspections can be implemented most efficiently in the brake and tire systems. The results of such a program will be to improve vehicle inspection programs that otherwise permit unsafe vehicles to be operated on public thoroughfares. It will guard against subjective and overly strict inspections which cause owners to pay for unnecessary repairs.

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\* Contract FH-11-6522 (Operations Research, Inc.) National Highway Safety Bureau

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Brake Systems, Tires and Wheels Were the Most Frequent



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(a) D.C. report of 9/16/74 - Roy Dennison
Re: DOT HS-354-3-716 - of 936 vehicles inspected
from March 28, 1974 through August 1974, 317 or
34% were rejected for brakes. From pulling wheels
the following data was recorded:

	Advise	Reject
Brake lining thickness	93	108
Wheel cylinders	56	. 64
Brake drums and rotors	107	21
Brake lining pattern & condition	77 .	45

Of the 34% brake defective rejected vehicles, approximately 65% of those defects were detected from wheel removal.

Fig. X

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(b) D.C. report of 10/19/74 - Paul Honke

"Brake Inspection Methods Study Phase III" of 119 passenger vehicles inspected between May 29, 1973 and November 27, 1973, 57 or 48% were rejected from wheel pulling inspections.

The following data was recorded:

Fig. XI

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Number of Vehicles	Percentages	Outage
21	18%	Wheel cylinder leakage
19	16%	Thin lining (0-1/32)
19	16%	Scored drum or rotor
16 ·	13%	Grease seal Leakage
9	88	Poor shoe contact
9	88	Oversize drum or thin rotor
8	7%	Contaminated lining
3	28	Stuck wheel cylinder

(c) In a study entitled "Vehicle-In-Use Safety Standards Study" performed by Ultrasystems, Inc., under Contract No. FH-11-7525, and reported in their final report dated August 1971, vehicle condition data was recorded from 2,476 vehicles in four states. The following list of brake component outages (requiring wheel removal for inspection) versus percent was obtained:

Component	% Outage
Front lining condition	•11
Front lining thickness	10
Front drum or disc	11
Rear lining condition	- 9
Rear lining thickness	б
Rear drum condition	7
Front wheel cylinder	9.
Rear wheel cylinder	6.

Fig. VII

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(d) The following visual inspection defect data were gathered from (1964-1968 models) automobiles inspected at diagnostic centers located in various parts of the country and reported by TRW in their report "Component Degradation: Braking Systems Performance" dated December 30, 1969, under Contract No. FH-11-6964. Up to 20,909 vehicles were involved under each defect type.

Defect Type	% Vehicles Defective
Lining/pad thickness	14.6
Wheel cylinders	7.1
Drum/disc condition	5.3
Lining/pad condition	4.4
Return Springs	3.3

Defect rates shown are not additive as more than one defect could be present at the same time.

Fig. VIII

# INSPECTION COSTS FOR WHEEL PULL

INSPECTION TIME: UNDER 10 MINUTES FOR PULLING TWO WHEELS.

(DATA FROM ALASKA AND D.C. STUDIES)

INSPECTION COST: UNDER \$1.00

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(INSPECTOR SALARIES \$8-10K; MARYLAND STUDY)

ACTUAL AVERAGE STATE INSPECTION FEES INCLUDING:

Fig. IX

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• TWO WHEELS PULLED - \$4.50 (2 STATES)

• ONE WHEEL PULLED - \$2.50 (8 STATES)

# WHEEL REMOVAL

# \$ Cost/Wheel @ \$6/Hr. Time -Min.\* Item Lift up .75 .075 Wheel removal 1.5 .15 Inspection .125 1.25 Wheel mount 1.25 .125 • Lift down .25 .025

Estimated Time Study and Cost

Total

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\*Experienced Inspector

# VUGRAPH

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# TIME AND MOTION RESEARCH LANE

	DESCRIPTION	MANPOWER	$\frac{Ave \Delta t}{(\min)}$	Std. Dev. (min)	$\frac{\min \Delta t}{(\min)}$	Max At (min)
	Vehicle ID	1	1.8	0.5	1.2	2.8
	Fenders	· 1	0.1*			
ė	Vehicle Structure	1	0.3*			
	Vehicle Accessories (interior)	1	0.4*			•
:	Glazing	1	0.2*			:.
	Tire Pressure	2	• 1.0	0.4	0.5	2,5
•	Internal & Doors (ignition & shift, window reg., doors & hinges, door latch & lock)	1	0.4*			
	Underhood and harness on	2	3.0	0.9	1.0	5.0
	Hunter Station (alignment, etc.) (includes pendant time)	1	2.8	0.6	1.9	4.6
	Headlamps	2	0.2	-0 -	0.2	0.2
	Front and Rear Lamps	2	0.3	-0-	0.3	0.3
	Roller Brakes (fr)	1	1.3	0.5	0.8	.2,6
•	Car Move and Park Brakes	1	0.3*		•	
•	Roller Brakes (rr)	- 1	1.2	0.3	0.7	1.7
:	Scuff (during move-to-lift)	1 .	0.2*		•	
t'e	Lift up	1	1.0	0.3	0.4	1.3
	Underbody	•••1	1.0	0.5	0.4	. 2. 2
影花	Wheel Pull	. 2	1.0	0.4	0.5	1.8
¢,;;	Wheel/Brake Assembly	2	0.8	0.5	· 0.2	1.8
52	Wheel Mount	2	1.2	0.4	0,4	2.3.
NG.	Lift Down	1 •	1.1	0.3	0.7	1.9
	Enter Data in Pendant (lift station)	1	0.5*		•••••	
	Platform Brakes	1	0.9	0.3	0.5	1.9
-	Emissions and Speedometer	\$	2.2	0.5	0.9	3,2
	Engine Analysis	2	2.8	1,1	1,3	6.1
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Loss Per Fatality - \$200,000

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Loss Per Injury 7,200

Property Damage Only -

300 per involvement

Ref: Societal Costs of Motor Vehicle Accidents

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Fig. XIV

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Degree of Certainty	Causal (%)	Societal Cost (\$ billion)
Certain (95% confidence)	6.0	1.6
Probable (80% confidence)	15.9	4.3
Possible*	25.8	• 7.0

Percent of Accidents Caused by Vehicle Defects

\*Confidence level not estimated.

Fig. XV

Issued June 27, 1967

## Highway Safety Program Standard 1

# PERIODIC MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION

### Purpose

To increase, through periodic vehicle inspection, the likelihood that every vehicle operated on the public highways is properly equipped and is being maintained in reasonably safe working order.

## Standard

Each State shall have a program for periodic inspection of all registered vehicles or other experimental, pilot, or demonstration program approved by the Secretary, to reduce the number of vehicles with existing or potential conditions which cause or contribute to accidents or increase the severity of accidents which do occur, and shall require the owner to correct such conditions.

I. The program shall provide, as a minimum, that:

A. Every vehicle registered in the State is inspected either at the time of initial registration and at least annually thereafter, or at such other time as may be designated under an experimental, pilot, or demonstration program approved by the Secretary.

B. The inspection is performed by competent personnel specifically trained to perform their duties and certified by the State.

C. The inspection covers systems, subsystems, and components having substantial relation to safe vehicle performance.

D. The inspection procedures equal or exceed criteria issued or endorsed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

E. Each inspection station maintains records in a form specified by the State, which include at least the following information:

- 1. Class of vehicle.
- 2. Date of inspection.
- 3. Make of vehicle.
- 4. Model year.
- 5. Vehicle identification number.
- 6. Defects by category.
- 7. Identification of inspector.
- 8. Mileage or odometer reading.

F. The State publishes summaries of records of all inspection stations at least annually, including tabulations by make and model of vehicle.

II. The program shall be periodically evaluated by the State and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall be provided with an evaluation summary.

Issued August 29, 1973 (Effective date: September 28, 1973)

# PART 570 - VEHICLE IN USE INSPECTION STANDARD

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# Title 49-Transportation

CHAPTER V-NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAF-FIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, DE-PARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION [Docket No. 73-9; Notice 2]

# PART 570-VEHICLE IN USE INSPECTION STANDARDS

This notice adds Part 570, Vehicle In Use Inspection Standards, to Chapter V, Code of Federal Regulations. Title 49

Part 570 does not in itself impose re-quirements on any person. It is intended to be implemented by the States through to be implemented by the States through the highway safety program standards issued under the Highway Safety Act (23 U.S.C. 402) with respect to inspection of motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less, except motorcycles and trailers. General except motorcycles and trainers. General provisions regarding vehicle inspection are set forth in NHTSA Highway Safety Program Manual Vol. 1, Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection. Standards and pro-cedures are adopted for hydraulic serv-ice brake systems, steering and suspen-sion systems, tire and wheel assemblies.

Interested persons have been afforded Interested persons have been anorded an opportunity to participate in the making of these amenuments by a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the FEDERAL REGISTRE ON APril 2, 1973 (38 FR 8451), and due consideration has been given to all comments received in response to the notice, insofar as they relate to matters within the scope of the rotice FeDERAL for additional changes and relate to matters within the scope of the notice. Except for editorial changes, and except as specifically discussed herein, these amendments and the reasons therefore are the same as those con-tained in the notice.

Policy considerations .- A total of 120 comments were received in response to the notice. These comments were submitted by State motor vehicle agencies, national safety organizations, motor ve-hicle associations, vehicle and equip-ment manufacturers, antique car clubs and owners, public interest groups, and individual citizens. The commenters were predominantly in favor of periodic motor vehicle inspection (PMVI) and the establishment of uniform motor ve-hicle in use safety standards throughout the United States.

As the NHTSA stated in the prior no-tice, cost-benefit factors were the pri-mary policy consideration in develop-ing the inspection standards and proce-dures. The primary concern of the States was the socioeconomic impact on the motoring public as well as the impact on the State itself. The general consensus was that the proposed inspection re-quirements would require a significant increase in facilities, operating personnel, and equipment. Though cost effectiveness was a predominant concern the States nevertheless felt that inspections Applicability.—A frequent comment should include vehicles over 10,000 was that the standards and procedures pounds gross vehicle weight and be ex- should be extended to cover vehicles tended to include other vehicle systems. whose GVWR exceeds 10,000 pounds. Several States expressed concern for the Because braking and steering and sus-

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cost of implementing the proposed standards, estimating it at from \$10 to \$14 per car. Even though these States fa-vored PMVI and now have PMVI or random inspection they felt that implemen-tation costs would have a decided eco-nomic impact.

NHTSA has responded to these comments allowing an optional road test as a check of service brake system performa check of service brace system periodic ance, adopting neither of the proposed parking brake procedures, and simplify-ing test procedures where possible so that tests may be conducted with a min-mum added expenditure for equipment, personnel, and facilities. These matters will be discussed extremulations will be discussed subsequently.

The establishment of the proposed standards as "minimum requirements" was questioned by several States as leading to a "watering down" of current re-quirements in those States which cur-rently meet or exceed them. The NHTSA repeats its intent that the standards are repeats its intent that the standards are not intended to supplant State stand-ards that establish a higher performance or to discourage them from establishing or maintaining standards for other vehi-cle systems not covered by NHTSA.

A number of comments were received A number of comments were received from antique car clubs and individual owners who believe that antique, special interest, and vintage cars should be ex-empt from the proposed standards. These comments should be directed to the States. Each State has its own defini-tions and registration requirements for vehicles of this nature, and the NHTSA intends the States to implement Part 570 to the extent that it is compatible with its current requirements for these special vehicles. special vehicles.

Several respondents commented that Several respondents commented that the proposed standard should be ex-panded to include lighting, glazing, ex-haust, wipers; horns, controls, and in-strumentation systems. The consensus was that the cost-benefit ratio would materially increase if these systems were included in the proposed standard since inspection of these systems does not Inspection of these systems does not require time-consuming procedures or special tools, and corrective measures are less costly to the owner. Some considered it contradictory that safety systems covered by the Federal standards must meet safety performance requirements at the time of manufacture and not dur-ing the coveries life of the yable. At the ing the service life of the vehicle. As the NHTSA stated in the prior notice, the initial Federal effort is intended to cover those vehicles and vehicle systems whose those vchicles and vehicle systems whose maintenance in good order has proven critical to the prevention of traffic ac-cidents. Requirements for motorcycles and trailers, and for less critical sys-tems are under study, and the NHTSA intends to take such rulemaking action in the future create he conversion to the in the future as may be appropriate to cover them.

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pension systems on these vehicles differ materially from those on lighter vehi-cles, different criteria must be estab-lished and the proposed standards simply cannot be extended to cover them. The NHTSA, however, is developing appro-priate inspection standards and procedures for heavy vehicles and will pro-pose them in a notice to be issued by mid-October 1973.

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sustems -Several comments Brake were received questioning the procedure for determining operability of the brake failure indicator lamp. In some vehicles failure indicator lamp. In some vehicles the parking brake indicator and service brake system failure indicator use the same lamp and the methods of simulat-ing failure vary. It is realized that the procedure speci-

fied by the standard is general in nature and cannot cover all possible systems. In those vehicles where a lamp test cannot be executed in the normal manner the test will have to be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's specifica-tions, as determined by the vehicle inspector.

The brake system integrity test for fluid leakage has been modified on the basis of comments that it was not strin-gent enough. It was proposed that de-crease in pedal height under 125 pounds force for 10 seconds should not exceed one-quarter of an inch. The require-ment adopted is that there be no percep-tible decrease in pedal height when 125 pounds of force is applied to the brake pedal and held for 30 seconds. The brake pedal reserve test has been The brake system integrity test for

pedal and held for 30 seconds. The brake pedal reserve test has been adopted substantially as proposed, and specifies that the engine be operating at the time of the test. Vehicks with full power (central hydraulic) brake systems are exempted from this test as the serv-

are exempted from this test as the serv-ice brake performance test will be ade-quate to test such systems. The service brake performance test offers the option of a road test, or testing upon a drive-on platform or roller-type brake analyzer (originally proposed under the title "Brake equaliza-tion"). States that conduct modern in proposed under the title "Brake equaliza-tion"). States that conduct random in-spections, and those that designate agents to perform vehicle inspections, objected strenuously to a test requiring the use of roller-type or drive-on test equipment. Consequently, an alternate equipment. Consequently, an alternate test has been adopted which requires ve-hicles to stop from 20 mph in 25 feet or less without leaving a 12-foot wide lane. It is intended that this option be used only by States where it is current prac-tice, and it is hoped that such States where practicable will change to the drive-on brake platform or roller-type brake analyzer tests. The terms "crimped" and "damaged" have been eliminated as causes for rejection of brake hoses, as redundant. If brake discs and drums are not embossed with safety tolerances, the requirement has been added that they be within the manufac-

turer's recommended specifications. The primary concern regarding power assist units was that the brake pedal will

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rise instead of falling on a full-power rise instead of falling on a full-power brake system when tested according to the procedure proposed. In view of the basic design of a full-power brake sys-tem this test would not be a proper check of system operation, and will not be required. As noted earlier, the service brake performance test will be used as the primary test of the full-power brake performance. To accord with the termi-nology of Standard No. 105s this section has been renamed "Brake power units." The parking brake system inspection proposal proved controversial. The

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The parking brake system inspection proposal proved controversial. The NHTSA proposed two objective, alternate tests, the first requiring the system to hold the vehicle on a 17 percent grade, and the second requiring the system to stop the vehicle from 20 mph within 54 feet. The first was objected to principally on the ground that each inspection sta-tion would have to construct a 17 percent grade. This would present problems for both in-line and bay-type inspection fa-cilities. The stopping distance test on

both in-line and bay-type inspection fa-clifties. The slopping distance test, on the other hand, was opposed as a dy-namic test more appropriate for service brake evaluation. In view of these objec-tions, the parking brake inspection re-quirements were not adopted. Sizering and suspension systems.—The primary objections to the steering wheel test for free play concerned the test con-dition with the engine off on vehicles equipped with power steering, the linear measure of system free play (instead of angular measure to eliminate the vari-ance due to steering wheel diameters). and the 2 inch free play limit for rack and pinion type steering gear.

The tolerance proposed and adopted for steering wheel free play is 2 inches for wheels of 16 inches diameter or less, for wheels of 16 inches diameter or less, since few passenger car steering wheels exceed this diameter. However, a table of free play values for older vehicles with steering wheels over 16 inches in diam-eter has been added to the standard. The requirement to have the engine running is being added to the procedure since steering wheel play can be greater with the engine off than with the engine on for cars equipped with power steering. Steering play on cars equipped with rack and plnion type steering will require fur-ther review to determine if the 2 inch tolerance should be changed. Some comments argued that wheel

Some comments argued that wheel alignment tolerances were considered to restrictive in the toe-in condition, and too lenient in toe-out. Some comments recommended visual inspection of tire recommended visual inspection of the wear as criteria to determine alignment. However, visual inspection of the wear is not considered a valid method of checking alignment, and therefore was not adopted as an alternate method. No consensus of alternative values could be derived from the comments, and the proposed tolerances of 30 feet per mile have been adopted. have been adopted.

The requirements for the condition of shock absorber mountings, shackles, and U-bolts have been changed from "tight" to "securely attached" as a clarification.

Tire and wheel assembly standards and inspection procedures. Several com-ments were received suggesting that rim deformation in excess of one-sixteenth of an inch be permitted, as the proposed tolerance would result in rejection of otherwise safe vehicles. The primary concern of the requirement is air reten-

tion, and since vehicles with wheel de-formation of one-sixteenth of an inch apparently perform satisfactorily in service without hazard the deformation tolerance has been increased to three thirty-seconds of an inch runout for both lateral and radial bead seat areas.

both lateral and radial bead seat areas. Effectivity —Several commenters ques-tioned the proposed effective date, 30 days after publication of the final rule. The NHTSA considers it in the public interest that minimum Federal standards for motor vehicles in use become effec-tive without further delay. Implementa-tion by the States will take place within the context of their highway safety pro-grams, and the plans approved by the NHTSA under the Highway Safety Act, 23 U.S.C. 402.

NHTSA under the Highway Salety Act, 23 U.S.C. 492. In consideration of the foregoing, Title 49, Code of Federai Regulations is amended by adding Part 570 to read as set forth below. Effective date.—September 28, 1973.

Since this part does not in itself impose Since this part does not in itself impose requirements on any person it is deter-mined for good cause shown that an effective date earlier than 180 days after publication of the final rule is in the public interest.

(Secs. 103, 108, 119, Pub. L 89-563, 80 Stat. 718, 15 U.S.C. 1392, 1397, 1407; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.51.)

## Issued on August 29, 1973.

JAMES B. GREGORY Administrator

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AUTHORITY: Secs. 103, 108, 119, Public Law 89-563, 80 Stat. 718, 15 U.S.C. 1392, 1397, 1407; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.51. § 570.1 Scope

This part specifies standards and pro-cedures for inspection of hydraulic serv-ice brake systems, attering and suspen-sion systems, and tire and wheel assem-blies of motor vehicles in use.

§ 570.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to estab-lish criteria for the inspection of motor vehicles by State inspection systems, in order to reduce death and injuries attributable to failure or inadequate performance of motor vehicle systems.

#### § 570.3 Applicability.

This part does not in itself impose requirements on any person. It is intended to be implemented by States through the highway safety program standards issued under the Highway Safety Act (23 U.S.C. 402) with respect to inspection of motor vehicles with gross vehicle weight rating of 10.000 pounds or less, except motorcycles or trailers.

§ 570.4 Definitions.

Unless otherwise indicated, all terms used in this part that are defined in 49 CFR Part 571, Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, are used as defined in that Dart

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§ 570.5 Service brake system.

tem failure indicator lamp, if part of a vehicle's original equipment, shall be operable. (This lamp is required by Fed-eral Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 105, 49 CFR 571.105, on every new pas-senger car manufactured on or after January 1, 1968, and on other types of motor vehicles manufactured on or after Sep-tember 1, 1975.)

(1) Inspection procedure - Apply the

(1) Inspection procedure.—Apply the parking brake and turn the ignition to start. verify lamp operation by other means indicated by the vehicle manufacturer that the brake system failure indicator lamp is operable.
(b) Brake system integrity.—The brake system shall demonstrate integrity as indicated by no perceptible decrease in pedal height under a 125 pound force applied to the brake system fallure indicator lamp is operated and the application of force to the pedal whout fallure of any line or there. pedal without failure of any line or other (1) Inspection procedure.—With the

and inspection procedure.—With the engine running on vehicles equipped with power brake systems, and the ignition turned to "on" in other vehicles, apply a force of 125 pounds to the brake p dai and hold for 30 seconds. Note any de-crease in pedal height, and whether the lamp lliuminates.

lamp Illuminates. (c) Brake pedal reserve.—When the brake pedal is fully depressed, the dis-tance that the pedal has traveled from its free position shall be not greater than 80 percent of the total distance from its free position to the floorboard or other object that restricts pedal travel.

object that restricts pedal travel. Inspection procedure.—Measure the distance (A) from the free pedal position to the floorboard or other object that restricts brake pedal travel. Depress the brake pedal, and with the force applied measure the distance (B) from the depressed pedal position to the floorboard or other object that restricts pedal travel. Determine the percentage as

#### $\underline{\mathbf{A}} - \underline{\mathbf{B}} \times 100.$ A

A The engine must be operating when power-assisted brakes are checked. The pedal reserve check is not required for vehicles equipped with full-power (cen-tral hydraulic) brake systems, or to ve-hicles with brake systems, or to ve-hicles with brake systems designed to operate with greater than 80 percent vedal travel. pedal travel.

edal travel. (d) Service brake performance.—Com-pliance with one of the following per-formance criteria will satisfy the require-ments of this section. Verify that the in-flation pressure is within the limits rec-ominended by vehicle manufacturer be-fore conducting either of the following tests. test

(1) Roller-type or drive-on platform (1) Router-uppe or arme-on platform tests.—The force applied by the brake on a front wheel or p rear wheel shall not differ by more than 20 percent from the force applied by the brake on the other front wheel or the other rear wheel

respectively. (1) Inspection procedure.—The vehicle shall be tested on a drive-on platform, or a roller-type brake analyzer with the capability of measuring equalization. The test shall be conducted in accordance with the test equipment manufacturer's

specifications. Note the left to right brake force variance. (2) Road test.—The service brake sys-

tem shall stop the vehicle in a distance of 25 feet or less from a speed of 20 miles per hour without leaving a 12-foot-wide Line

Inspection procedure. -The road test shall be conducted on a level (not to exceed plus or minus one percent grade) dry, smooth, hard-surfaced road that is The service brakes shall be applied at a vehicle speed of 20 miles per hour and the vehicle shall be brought to a stop as specified. Measure the distance required to stop.

(e) Brake hoses and assemblies.— Brake hoses shall not be mounted so as to contact the vehicle body or chassis. Hoses shall not be cracked, chafed, or flattened.

(i) Inspection procedure.—Examine visually, inspecting front brake hoses through all wheel positions from full left to full right for conditions indicated.

Note .--- To inspect for (f), (g), and (h) below, remove at a minimum one front wheel and one rear wheel.

(f) Disc and drum condition.—If the drum is embossed with a maximum safe diameter dimension or the rotor is emdiameter dimension or the rotor is em-bossed with a minimum safety thickness dimension, the drum or disc shall be within the appropriate specifications. These dimensions will be found on motor vehicles manufactured since January 1. venicies manufactured since January 1, 1971, and may be found on vehicles manufactured for several years prior to that time. If the drums and discs shall be within the manufacturer's specifications.

(i) Inspection procedure.—Examine visually for condition indicated, measuring as necessary.

(g) Friction materials.—On (g) Friction materials.—On each brake the thickness of the lining or pad shall not be less than one thirty-second of an inch over the rivet heads, or the brake shoe on bonded linings or pads. Brake linings and pads shall not have cracks or breaks that extend to rivet holes except minor cracks that do not impair attachment. Drum brake linings shall be securely attached to brake shoes. Disc brake pads shall be securely at-tached to shoe plates each tached to shoe plates.

(1) Inspection procedure.—Examine visually for conditions indicated, and measure height of rubbing surface of lining over rivet heads. Measure bonded lin-

Ing thickness over shoe surface at the thinnest point on the lining or pad. (h) Structural and mechanical parts.--Backing plates and caliper as-enables shall not be deformed or cracked. System parts shall not be broken, missing, binding, or show evidence of severe wear, Automatic adjusters and other parts shall be as-sembled and installed correctly. (1) Inspection procedure.-Examine visually for conditions indicated.

§ 570.6 Brake power unit.

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Vacuum hoses shall not be collapsed, abraded, broken, improperly mounted, or audibly leaking. With residual vacuum exhausted and a constant 25 pound force on the brake pedal, the pedal shall fall slightly when the engine is started, demonstrating integrity of the power as-sist system. This test is not applicable to

vehicles equipped with full power brake system as the service brake performance test shall be considered adequate test of system performance.

system performance. (1) Inspection procedure.—With en-gine running, examine hoses visually and aurally for conditions indicated. Stop engine and apply service brakes several times to destroy vacuum in sys-tem. Depress brake pedal with 25 pounds of forme and while meintaining that of force and while maintaining that force, start the engine. If brake pedal does not fall slightly under force when the engine starts, there is a malfunc-tion in the power assist system.

## § 570.7 Steering systems.

(a) System play.—Lash or free play in the steering system shall not exceed values shown in Table 1.

(i) Inspection procedure.—With the engine on and the wheels in the straight ahead position, turn the steering wheel in one direction until there is a perceptible movement of a front wheel. If a point on the steering wheel rim moves more than the value shown in Table 1 before perceptible return movement of the wheel under observation, there is exces-sive lash or free play in the steering system.

TABLE 1.--STEERING SYSTEM FREE PLAY VALUES

Steering wheel diameter (inches): (inches)

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(b) Linkage play.—Free play in the steering linkage shall not exceed onequarter of an inch.

(i) Inspection procedure.—Elevate the front end of the vehicle to load the ball front end of the venicle to load the bain joints. Insure that wheel bearings are correctly adjusted. Grasp the front and rear of a tire and attempt to turn the tire and wheel assembly left and right. If the free movement at the front or rear tread of the tire exceeds one-quarter inch there is excessive steering linkage play.

(c) Free turning.—Steering wheels shall turn freely through the limit of travel in both directions.

(1) Inspection procedure.—Turn the steering wheel through the limit of travel in both directions. Feel for binding or jamming in the steering gear mechanism.

(d) Alignment.-Toe-in and toe-out shall not exceed 30 feet per mile, as recorded on a scuff gauge, or equivalent measuring device.

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(e) Power steering system.-The power steering system shall not have cracked or slipping belts, or insufficient fluid in the reservoir.

(1) Inspection procedure.—Examine fluid reservoir and pump belts for condi-tions indicated.

§ 570.8 Suspension system.

(a) Suspension condition.-Ball joint (a) Suspension condition.—Ball joint seals shall not be cut or cracked. Struc-tural parts shall not be bent or dam-aged. Stabilizer bars shall be connected. Springs shall not be broken, or extended by spacers. Shock absorber mountings, shackles, and U-bolts shall be securely attached. Rubber bushings shall not be

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cracked, extruded out from or missing from suspension joints. Radius rods shall

not be missing or damaged. (i) Inspection procedure.—Examine front and rear end suspension parts for conditions indicated. (b) Shock absorber condition.-

There shall be no oil on the shock absorber housing attributable to leakage by the seal, and the vehicle shall not continue free rocking motion for more than two cycles.

(i) Inspection procedure --- Examine shock absorbers for oil leaking from within, then with vehicle on a level surface, push down on one end of vehicle and release. Note number of cycles of free rocking motion. Ropeat procedure at other end of vehicle.

§ 570.9 Tires.

(a) Tread depth.-The tread on each tire shall be not less than two thirty-seconds of an inch deep.

(i) Inspection procedure.—Passenger car tires have tread depth indicators that become exposed when tread depth is less than two thirty-seconds of an inch. In-spect for indicators in any two adjacent spect for indicators in any two adjacent major grooves at three locations spaced approximately equally around the out-side of the tire. For vehicles other than passenger cars, it may be necessary to measure tread depth with a tread gauge. (b) Type. — Vehicles should be equipped with tires on the same axie that are matched in nominal size, con-struction and profile

that are matched in nominal size, con-struction, and profile. (i) Inspection procedure.—Examine visually. A major mismatch in nominal size, construction, and profile between tires on the same axle, or a major deviation from the size as recommended by the manufacturer (e.g. as indicated on the glove box placard on 1968 and later passenger cars) are causes for rejection.

(c) General condition .- Tires shall be free from chunking, bumps, knots, or bulges evidencing cord, ply, or tread separation from the casin; or other adjacent materials.

(i) Inspection procedure.—Examine visually for conditions indicated. (d) Damage.—The cords or belting materials shall not be exposed, either

materials shall not be exposed, either to the naked eye or when cuts or abra-sions on the tire are probed. (1) Inspection procedure.—Examine visually for conditions indicated, using an awl if necessary to probe cuts or abrasions.

#### § 570.10 Wheel assemblies

(a) Wheel interrity.—A'tre rim, wheel disc, or spider shall have no visible cracks, elongated bolt holes, or indication of repair by welding.
 (1) Inspection procedure.—Examine visually for conditions indicated.
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(b) Deformation.—The lateral and radial runout of each rim bead area shall not exceed three thirty-seconds of an inch total indicated runout.
(i) Inspection procedure.—Using a runout indicator gauge, and a suitable stand, measure lateral and radial runout of rim bead through one full wheel revolution and note runout in fitmes of three

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(c) Mounting.—All wheel nuts and bolts shall be in place and tight.
(i) Inspection procedure.—Check wheel retention for conditions indicated.

# UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATIO NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT:

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Motor Vehicle Inspection and Vehicle-In-Use Standards Implementation Procedures

DATE: FEB 20 19758

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In reply refer to: N42-32

FROM : Associate Administrator Traffic Safety Programs

> : Regional Administrators Regions I through X

> > This memorandum cancels the memorandum of May 7, 1974, Subject: Vehicle-In-Use Standards Implementation Schedule.

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information and guidance to the States on minimum requirements for implementing a motor vehicle inspection program. The guidelines are based on a favorable mix of cost of inspection and detection of critical vehicle safety defects.

After careful examination and review of all available data it has been determined that a minimum inspection offering maximum safety benefits should be directed at the vehicle's braking system and tires. The minimum criteria for braking systems and tires have been selected for the emphasis inspection (see Attachment A) because these two systems have been established by research as being involved in approximately two-thirds of all accidents caused by mechanical defects.

All States must include provisions for implementing the emphasis inspection criteria in their revised comprehensive program plan and FY 1976 annual work program. All States must have an approved motor vehicle inspection program by June 30, 1975. The States that select a pilot, experimental or demonstration program must include at least the emphasis inspection and should start operation no later than January 1, 1976.

This emphasis inspection will remain in effect until June 30, 1978. We will continue to collect data concerning parts of the VIU standards other than those being emphasized. Subsequently, we will emphasize the most cost effective implementation schedule based on research data and State experience.



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PREVIOUS EDITION WILL BE OCED.

We recognize other vehicle safety systems contribute to accidents. It is not the intent of this memorandum to discourage the States from the inspection of these other safety related systems -- in fact such inspections are encouraged.

I have now had the opportunity to review in some detail the most current data concerning the motor vehicle inspection program. It is clear to me that in the case of the special emphasis items we are on absolutely sound ground and our actions are based on supportable facts. The staff of the Office of State Vehicle Programs is available to assist you in working with the States to implement this program.

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## ATTACHMENT A

## EMPHASIS INSPECTION

## Service Brake System

Unless otherwise noted, the force to be applied during inspection procedures to power-assisted and full-power brake systems is 25 lb, and to all other systems, 50 lb. Inspector judgment for measuring the 25- and 50-pound force is acceptable.

(a) Failure indicator - The brake system failure indicator lamp, if part of a vehicle's original equipment, shall be operable. (This lamp is required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 105, 49 CFR 571.105, on every new passenger car manufactured on or after January 1, 1968, and on other types of motor vehicles manufactured on or after September 1, 1975.)

Inspection procedure - Apply the parking brake and turn the ignition to start, or verify lamp operation by other means indicated by the vehicle manufacturer that the brake system failure indicator lamp is operable.

(b) Brake system integrity - The brake system shall demonstrate integrity as indicated by no perceptible decrease in pedal height under a 125pound force applied to the brake pedal or by no illumination of the brake system failure indicator lamp. The brake system shall withstand the application of force to the pedal without failure of any line or other part.

Inspection procedure - With the engine running on vchicles equipped with power brake systems, and the ignition turned to "on" in other vchicles, apply a force of 125 pounds to the brake pedal and hold for 10 seconds. Note any decrease in pedal height, and whether the lamp illuminates. Inspector judgment for measuring the 125-pound force is acceptable.

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(c) Brake hoses and assemblies - Brake hoses shall not be mounted so as to contact the vehicle body or chassis. Hoses shall not be cracked, chafed, or flattened. Protective devices, such as "rub rings," shall not be considered part of the hose or tubing.

Inspection procedure - Examine visually, inspecting front brake hoses through all wheel positions from full left to full right for conditions indicated.

Note - To inspect for (d), (e), and (f) below, remove a minimum one front wheel.

(d) Disc and drum condition - If the drum is embossed with a maximum safe diameter dimension or the rotor is embossed with a minimum safety thickness dimension, the drum or disc shall be within the appropriate specifications. These dimensions will be found on motor vehicles manufactured since January 1, 1971, and may be found on vehicles manufactured for several years prior to that time. If the drums and discs are not embossed, the drums and discs shall be within the manufacturer's specifications.

Inspection procedure - Examine visually for condition indicated, measuring as necessary.

(e) Friction materials - On each brake the thickness of the lining or pad shall not be less than one thirtysecond of an inch over the rivet heads, or the brake shoe on the bonded linings or pads. Brake linings and pads shall not have cracks or breaks that extend to rivet holes except minor cracks that do not impair attachment. Drum brake linings shall be securely attached to brake shoes. Disc brake pads shall be securely attached to shoe plates.

Inspection procedure - Examine visually for conditions indicated, and measure height of rubbing surface of lining over rivet heads. Measure bonded lining thickness over shoe surface at the thinnest point on the lining or pad.

(f) Structural and mechanical parts - Backing plates and caliber assemblies shall not be deformed or cracked. System parts shall not be broken, misaligned, missing, binding, or show evidence of severe wear. Automatic adjusters and other parts shall be assembled and installed correctly.

Inspection procedure - Examine visually for conditions indicated.

## Brake Power Unit

Vacuum hoses shall not be collapsed, abraded, broken, improperly mounted, or audibly leaking. With residual vacuum exhausted and a constant 25-pound force on the brake pedal, the pedal shall fall slightly when the engine is started, demonstrating integrity of the power assist system. This test is not applicable to vehicles equipped with full power brake system as the service brake performance test shall be considered adequate test of system performance.

Inspection procedure - With engine running, examine hoses visually and aurally for conditions indicated. Stop engine and apply service brakes several times to destroy vacuum in system. Depress brake pedal with 25 pounds of force and while maintaining that force, start the engine. If brake pedal does not fall slightly under force when the engine starts, there is a malfunction in the power assist system.

## Tires

(a) Tread depth - The tread on each tire shall be not less than two thirty-seconds of an inch deep.

Inspection procedure - Passenger car tires have tread depth indicators that become exposed when tread depth is less than two thirty-seconds of an inch. Inspect for indicators in any two adjacent major grooves at three locations spaced approximately equally around the outside of the tire. For vehicles

other than passenger cars, it may be necessary to measure tread depth with a tread gauge.

(b) Type - Vehicle shall be equipped with tires on the same axle that are matched in tire size designation, construction, and profile.

Inspection procedures - Examine visually. A major mismatch in tire size designation, construction, and profile between tires on the same axle, or a major deviation from the size as recommended by the manufacturer (e.g., as indicated on the glove box placard on 1968 and later passenger cars) are causes for rejection.

(c) General condition - Tires shall be free from chunking, bumps, knots, or bulges evidencing cord, ply, or tread separation from the casing or other adjacent materials.

Inspection procedure - Examine visually for conditions indicated.

(d) Damage - Tire cords or belting materials shall not be exposed, either to the naked eye or when cuts or abrasions on the tire are probed.

Inspection procedures - Examine visually for conditions indicated, using a blunt instrument if necessary to probe cuts or abrasions.

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