

(p) Certification of a motor vehicle shall be refused because the tempered glass has been etched, except that the vehicle identification number and/or manufacturer's logo may be etched on the tempered glass provided that the area of the tempered glass that has been etched does not exceed two square inches.

(q) Certification of a motor vehicle shall not be refused because the star-type break, bull's-eye-type break, stone-type break, crack, or scratch is less than the diameter, width, or length specified in (i) through (o) above; however, the motorist shall be advised to have the defect corrected.

Amended by R.2001 d.358, effective October 15, 2001.
See: 33 N.J.R. 1894(a), 33 N.J.R. 3651(b).

Rewrote (d); in (g), added the second sentence.
Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.
See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted "Motor Vehicle Commission" for "Division" in (d).
Amended by R.2007 d.33, effective February 5, 2007 (operative March 1, 2007).

See: 38 N.J.R. 2636(a), 39 N.J.R. 498(c).

In (g), deleted the former second sentence; and added (i) through (q).

13:20-32.8 Obstruction to driver's vision; official inspection facilities

(a) No accessory or other object shall be mounted in such a manner as to interfere with the driver's vision.

(b) Signs, posters, stickers, or other non-transparent material shall not be placed upon the windshield, wings, deflectors, side shields, or front side windows of any motor vehicle; provided, however, the inspection certificate of approval, certificate of waiver, inspection rejection sticker, an automatic vehicle identification system transponder approved by the Chief Administrator in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:20-10, or any other sticker approved by the Chief Administrator, is permitted.

(c) A motor vehicle shall not be certified which has an air scoop on the engine hood if the scoop is so high that it obstructs more than a three inch high area of the windshield glass. The height of the obstructed area of the windshield glass shall be measured by placing a straight edge on the top of the scoop and holding the straight edge in a level position with one end contacting the windshield glass.

Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.
See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director" in (b).

13:20-32.9 Horn; official inspection facilities

(a) Certification of a motor vehicle shall be refused for any of the following reasons:

1. A horn which is inoperable;
2. A horn which is not audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 200 feet;
3. A horn which is not securely fastened to the motor vehicle;

4. A horn which has a broken button or switch, or a horn which does not have a button or switch. (For example, a horn which is activated by grounding a bare wire shall not be certified.);

5. A horn which has an activating button or switch beyond the reach of the driver;

6. A horn button which is located in a place that is not readily conspicuous to the driver, or a horn button which requires the driver to take his or her eyes off of the road to activate the horn;

7. A horn ring which is broken so as to be likely to cause injury or to snag clothing; or

8. A motor vehicle which is equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell (except an authorized emergency vehicle or unless a permit for same has been issued by the Chief Administrator in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:24); provided, however, that any motor vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm signal device which is installed so that it cannot be used by the driver as an ordinary warning signal.

(b) Certification of a motor vehicle shall not be refused for the following reasons; however, the motorist shall be advised to have the condition corrected:

1. A horn which emits an unreasonably loud or harsh sound. An unreasonably loud horn, such as an air horn, is permitted on a motor vehicle, provided the motor vehicle is also equipped with a standard horn for use in residence or business districts; or

2. A horn which can only be sounded by a portion of the horn activation device.

Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director" in (a)8.

13:20-32.10 Windshield wipers; official inspection facilities

(a) Every motor vehicle having a windshield shall be equipped with at least one windshield wiper in proper operating condition to provide clear vision for the driver. A motor vehicle manufactured with only one windshield wiper shall have the wiper so located that it cleans the portion of the windshield directly in front of the driver in order for the driver to safely operate the motor vehicle.

(b) If a motor vehicle was originally manufactured with two windshield wipers, both wipers shall operate properly.

(c) A windshield wiper shall be capable of operating at a speed necessary to provide the driver a clear view ahead under all conditions of weather.

(d) Windshield wiper blades shall not be damaged, hardened, deteriorated, missing, or of an improper type (such as a blade designed for a flat windshield installed on a curved windshield), or of an improper size.

(e) A windshield wiper blade shall be held against the windshield with adequate pressure to provide the driver a clear view ahead under all conditions of weather.

(f) A windshield wiper shall clean the full area of the windshield for which it was designed.

(g) A windshield wiper control shall be constructed and installed as to be operated or controlled by the driver and shall be in proper operating condition.

13:20-32.11 Clearance lights; official inspection facilities

(a) Clearance lights are lights which show to the front and rear of the vehicle, respectively, mounted on a permanent part of the vehicle as near as practical to the upper left and right extreme edges so as to indicate the overall width and height of the vehicle.

(b) A truck 80 inches or more in width manufactured after January 1, 1965, shall be equipped with two amber clearance lights on the front of the vehicle and two red clearance lights on the rear of the vehicle.

(c) Clearance lights shall be of a type approved as meeting the standards of the United States Department of Transportation or, for motor vehicles manufactured prior to the adoption of such standards, the standards of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The letters "SAE" and the letters "P1" or "P2" or "PC," along with the manufacturer's name or trademark, are on the lens of such lights in most cases.

(d) Every clearance light shall be permanently and securely mounted on a permanent part of the vehicle.

(e) A combination clearance and side-marker light is a single light which fulfills the requirements of both a clearance light and a side-marker light.

13:20-32.12 Turn signals and hazard warning signals; official inspection facilities

(a) Every motor vehicle, other than a noncommercial motorcycle, shall be equipped with two front and two rear turn signals, except that a passenger vehicle manufactured before July 2, 1954, is not required to be equipped with turn signals. When any motor vehicle, regardless of the date of its manufacture, is equipped with turn signals, the turn signals shall be in proper operating condition.

(b) All turn signal and hazard warning signal systems including lights, flashers and operating units shall be of a type approved as meeting the standards of the United States Department of Transportation or, for motor vehicles manufactured prior to the adoption of such standards, the standards of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The letters "SAE," along with the manufacturer's name and trademark, are often on such devices. In the case of front and rear turn signal lights, the letter "T" or the letter "D" is often on the lens of such lights.

(c) Front turn signal and hazard warning signal lights shall be mounted on each side of the vertical centerline at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practical. Front turn signal and hazard warning signal lights shall emit a flashing white or amber light visible for a distance of 500 feet.

(d) Rear turn signal and hazard warning signal lights shall be mounted on each side of the vertical centerline at the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practical. Rear turn signal and hazard warning signal lights shall emit a flashing red or amber light visible for a distance of 500 feet.

(e) All turn signal lights shall be permanently and securely mounted in such a manner so as to reduce the likelihood of their being obscured by mud or dust thrown up by the wheels.

(f) A turn signal light shall not be obstructed by any part of the chassis, body, or bumper, or by any type of add-on device or material if such obstruction reduces the visible area of the turn signal light to less than three and one-half square inches on a passenger automobile, truck, or modified bus which is less than 80 inches in overall width, or reduces the visible area of the turn signal light to less than 12 square inches on a truck which is 80 inches or more in overall width.

(g) Turn signal lights shall flash from 50 to 130 times per minute. The "on" period of the flashes shall be long enough to permit the bulb filaments to reach full brightness.

(h) All turn signal light systems and components shall be in proper operating condition. Certification of a motor vehicle shall not be refused because a turn signal light has a cracked, broken, or missing lens, provided no white light shows to the rear of the motor vehicle. However, the motorist shall be advised to have the defect corrected.

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See: 38 N.J.R. 2636(a), 39 N.J.R. 498(c).

In (h), inserted ", broken, or missing" and deleted "and no portion of the lens is missing" from the end of the second sentence.

13:20-32.13 Reflectors; official inspection facilities

(a) Reflectors are devices designed and used on vehicles to give an indication to an approaching driver by reflected light.

(b) Reflectors shall be of a type approved as meeting the standards of the United States Department of Transportation or, for motor vehicles manufactured prior to the adoption of such standards, the standards of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The letters "SAE" and the letter "A" (for Class A reflectors) or the letter "B" (for Class B reflectors), along with the manufacturer's name or trademark, are on such reflectors in most cases.

(c) Passenger vehicles manufactured before July 2, 1954, shall have one Class A or Class B red reflector mounted on the rear of the vehicle.

(d) Passenger automobiles manufactured after July 1, 1954, shall have two Class A red or two Class B red