

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

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Vehicle Safety and Standards

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To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors

Re: CORRECTION – Vehicle Inspection Manual (2010) – Bus s.5 (2)(a)

Requirement for Hazard Warning Kit on Buses

Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) has discovered an error in the Vehicle Inspection Manual (VIM) (2010). This error is on page 324 - Bus and School Bus / Section 5 / Item 2. Hazard Warning Kit - and is corrected by means of this notice.

Issue:

Current VIM inspection criterion requires Authorized Inspectors to REJECT a bus that is not equipped with a Hazard Warning Kit if the vehicle is wider than 2.05 m (80 in.).

As printed, this criterion is consistent with the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA). However, *British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act* Section 207(2) requires that all buses be so equipped with a hazard warning kit regardless of vehicle width.

207(2) A person must not drive or operate on a highway a motor home licensed under this Act, or a commercial vehicle or combination of vehicles licensed under the Commercial Transport Act, that has a seating capacity of more than 10 passengers or where the overall width of the vehicle and the vehicle's load or the combination of vehicles' and the vehicle's load exceeds 2.3 m, unless there is carried in the driver's compartment of the vehicle, in a readily accessible location, warning devices.

In addition, hazard warning devices must meet the requirements as stated in the *British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* Division 7.17:

7.17 A warning device referred to in section 207 of the Act, approved by the director, is a warning device that conforms to U.S. Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 125 and is labelled in accordance with that standard.

Effective immediately, Vehicle Inspection Manual - Bus and School Bus / Section 5 / Item 2. Hazard Warning Kit criterion is amended as follows:

Hazard Warning Kit

Visually inspect:	Reject if:
a) container b) reflectors	a) not secure, not present on vehicle b) missing, reflectors broken, not three present in kit, not securely mounted - not of approved type

Should any further information be required, please contact your local CVSE Area Vehicle Inspector http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/cvse/vehicle_inspections/PDF/MVI_Phone_List.pdf or Brian Kangas, Program Coordinator, Vehicle Safety & Standards at brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca or (250) 953 4008.

Regards,



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