

Vehicle Inspections & Standards

AMENDMENT NOTICE

To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors

Re: Amendment of Bulletin 03-10 Inspection of Air Brake Slack Adjusters

On August 30, 2010, the new British Columbia Vehicle Inspection Regulation came into effect. Current Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR) pertaining to retro fitting of Manual Slack Adjusters are set out in all applicable sections of the Vehicle Inspection Manual 2010:

*"Automatic slack adjusters and brake push-rod stroke indicators are mandatory on vehicles manufactured on or after May 31, 1996; **not to be replaced with manual slack adjusters.** With the assistance of a second party, make a treadle valve application and note push rod travel. **NOTE: Ensure brake adjusters have been properly installed. Please refer to manufacturer's instructions as required.**"*

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement (CVSE) has been made aware that some vehicles in British Columbia that operate primarily on industrial and/or forest service roads may have issues with the proper operation of automatic slack adjusters due to adverse road bed conditions. These vehicles may be licenced to operate on highway and require a Commercial Vehicle Inspection (CVIP).

For the purpose of this notice "Industrial Road" and/or "Forest Service Road" means:

"A road on crown or private land used primarily for transportation by motor vehicle of natural resources, whether raw, processed or manufactured, or machinery, materials or personnel, and includes all bridges, wharves, log dumps and works forming a part of the road."

By means of this notice, the requirement for inspection of Air Brake Slack Adjusters as stated on bulletin #03 10 dated September 24, 2010 is amended so that air brake equipped vehicles with manual slack adjusters that OPERATE PRIMARILY ON INDUSTRIAL OR FOREST SERVICE ROADS may pass a provincial mechanical inspection.

As part of the Commercial Vehicle Inspection, it is the responsibility of both the Designated Inspection Facility Operator and the Authorized Inspector (AI) to determine the primary use of the vehicle. For application of this allowance, Slack Adjusters and all brake components must function properly and meet all applicable safety standards. **Use of manual slack adjusters is not mandatory to pass inspection.**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact your local Area Vehicle Inspector found at http://cvse.ca/vehicle_inspections/PDF/MVI_Phone_List.pdf, Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca, Technical Advisor by phone at 250-953-4053 or Brian.Kangas@gov.bc.ca, Vehicle Inspection and Standards Manager at 250-953-4008.

Regards,



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