



COMPLIANCE CIRCULAR

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Inspection Manual - Internal Brake Inspection Procedures

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Trucking Industry
Superintendent of Motor Vehicles
Designated Inspection Facilities

PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

The purpose of this circular is to provide notice of changes in inspection procedures for internal brake inspections identified in the Vehicle Inspection Manual, also referred to as the Standards in the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations Division 25.01.

BACKGROUND

Roadside inspection results obtained indicate a high failure rate for commercial vehicles having brake defects. The results also indicate little difference in failure rates between a commercial vehicle having passed a CVIP inspection within 30 days and those having gone up to 5 months since last being inspected.

To reduce the failure rate for brake defects on commercial vehicles, a review of the internal brake inspection procedures listed in the Vehicle Inspection Manual was performed. The review indicated the required measurements were not being recorded by most authorized inspectors and the option of using a camshaft rotation test was absent from the Vehicle Inspection Manual.

The camshaft rotation test is acceptable as an additional method of performing air brake inspections, provided all items listed in the Vehicle Inspection Manual are inspected and all required measurements are recorded. Industry comment on brake inspection was provided through the BC Trucking Association and numerous designated inspection facilities.

Effective February 01, 2003, all internal brake inspections must be completed as per the procedures listed in the Vehicle Inspection Manual and Vehicle Inspection Bulletin #01/04. A revised Commercial Vehicle Inspection Report MV 3104 will be printed in the spring of 2004. All required measurements **MUST** be recorded on the MV3104. Incomplete forms will not be accepted as proof of inspection. Any questions regarding this Compliance Circular or change in procedure please contact your local Motor Vehicle Inspector.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Krause". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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