

Information Alert

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Dear Operator

Footrests Beneath Emergency Exits

ISSUE:

Transport NSW is aware of a safety concern in relation to footrests beneath emergency exits that are shaped in such a way that school children can hold on to them whilst the bus has started to move on to the next destination. An example of such a footrest is shown below.

NOTICE:

Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 44/02 – Specific Purpose Vehicle Requirements) 2006 - Clause 44.9.4.2.5 of ADR 44/02 concerning “*Emergency Exits for Omnibuses*” requires that:

“Each emergency window with a bottom edge between 1,000mm and 2,000mm above the ground shall have a means to assist the occupants in descending to the ground, such as footrests, with no more than 500mm between successive footrests and the bottom tread not more than 1000mm above the ground. A footrest may be a vehicle component.”



REQUIRED ACTION:

Transport NSW has determined that operators and drivers should be aware of the above and that when a bus is fitted with footrests of this type, drivers take extra care to ensure no-one is hanging onto the side of the bus before driving off to their next destination.



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