

Light Vehicle Inspection Manual

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Australian Design Rules relevant to this section

ADR 42/...	General safety requirements
ADR 44/...	Specific purpose vehicles requirements
ADR 58/...	Requirements for omnibuses designed for hire and reward
ADR 59/...	Omnibus roll-over strength
ADR 66/...	Seat strength, seat anchorage strength and padding in omnibuses
ADR 68/...	Occupant protection in buses

OBJECTIVE: To ensure that omnibuses and associated components are fitted in accordance with recognised standards and operate in a safe manner.

- Note:**
- i. *The general roadworthiness of light omnibuses has been included in other sections of this inspection manual.*
 - ii. *Motor omnibuses that are operated for hire and reward as defined in the Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991 must meet in-service maintenance standards in addition to general roadworthiness applicable to the vehicle type.*

16.1. Commercial Passenger Vehicles (CPV) requirements

Reasons for rejection

- a) For a CPV, the omnibus does not meet the relevant in-service maintenance standard for the vehicle category.

In-service maintenance standards - <https://nt.gov.au/driving/industry/vehicle-standards-for-cpvs/cpv-in-service-maintenance-standards>

16.2. Emergency exit and fire extinguisher

Reasons for rejection

- a) Emergency exit and fire extinguisher requirements do not comply with ADR 42/... or ADR 44/... or ADR 58/... as applicable to the size and seating capacity of the omnibus.

16.3. Visually inspect fire extinguisher

Reasons for rejection

- a) Fire extinguisher not fitted.
- b) Fire extinguisher is not filled, charged or under current inspection.
- c) Handle, nozzle or hose of fire extinguisher is missing or damaged.
- d) The extinguisher is not securely mounted in the vehicle.

- Note:**
- iii. *Fire extinguishers can become ineffective even though they appear properly charged. For example powder type extinguishers subject to vibration can fail due to compacting of the powder*
 - iv. *Australian Standards AS or AS/NZS 1851 Routine service of fire protection systems and equipment contains suitable procedures for inspecting and testing fire extinguishers*
 - v. *Australian Standards AS 2444 Portable fire extinguishers and fire blankets - Selection and location outlines the appropriate type, size and location of fire extinguishers for vehicles*

16.4. School bus warning signs and lights

Reasons for rejection

- a) For a school bus, the omnibus does not meet requirements for flashing warning lights and signs – refer to Information Bulletin V78 Warning signs and lights for buses carrying children - <https://nt.gov.au/driving/industry/vehicle-information-bulletins-and-forms>