

Brakes

The brake pedal anti-slip item must be fitted (generally a rubber pad)

The brake servo (if fitted) must be free of air leaks and working efficiently

The hand brake lever ratchet must work, and not release if knocked and the handbrake cable must be free from knots and not excessively frayed

There must not be excessive travel on the foot brake pedal or the hand brake lever

The braking system must be free from any fluid leaks with the brake fluid level between the minimum and maximum marks and the fluid reservoir cap must be fitted

Brake pads and/or shoes must not be worn excessively (normally means worn right out!)

Metal brake pipes, disks and drums must not be excessively corroded or scored, and have no cracks

Rubber brake hoses must not be excessively cracked or split, must not have any bulges, kinks and must not be stretched

All braking components must be securely mounted and not loose

The TOTAL braking efficiency of the must be at least 50% of the unladen weight of the vehicle

The front brakes must have a braking efficiency within 25% of each other and must have fairly steady readings

The rear brakes have to work with enough braking efficiency as to show that they are correctly adjusted and operating

The parking brake must have an efficiency of 16% of the unladen vehicle weight (25% if a single circuit hydraulic braking system is fitted) with all parking wheels working efficiently