Australian Coat of Arms

Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Twin Steer Amendments 2024

I, CATHERINE KING, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, make the following determination.

Dated 29 October 2024

[SIGNED]

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## Name

* 1. This instrument is the Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule) Twin Steer Amendments 2024.

## Commencement

* 1. This instrument commences on the day after it is registered.

## Authority

* 1. This instrument is made under section 12 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018*.

## Schedules

* 1. Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

## Schedule 1 – Amendments

### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule – Definitions and Vehicle Categories) 2005

1. Clause 3. DEFINITIONS amend to read:

“…

AXLE GROUP - means:

for a motor vehicle, a *‘Single Axle’*, a *‘Tandem Axle Group’*,   
a *‘Triaxle Group’*, a *‘Close Coupled Axle Group’*, or   
a *‘Twin Steer Axle Group’*; and

for a trailer, a *‘Single Axle’*, a *‘Tandem Axle Group’*,   
a *‘Triaxle Group’*, or a *‘Close Coupled Axle Group’*.

…”

1. Clause 3. DEFINITIONS amend to read:

“…

CENTRE OF AN AXLE GROUP

in the case of a *‘Single Axle’*, the centre of that *‘Axle’*;

in the case of a two *‘Axle’* *‘Close Coupled Axle Group’*, or a   
*‘Tandem Axle Group’*:

1. where both *‘Axles’* are fitted with an equal number of tyres, a line located midway between those two *‘Axles’*; or
2. where one *‘Axle’* is fitted with twice the number of tyres, a line located one third of the way from the *‘Axle’* fitted with the greater number of tyres, towards the *‘Axle’* fitted with the lesser number of tyres; and

in the case of a three *‘Axle’* *‘Close Coupled Axle Group’*, or a   
*‘Triaxle Group’*, a line located midway between the extreme *‘Axles’* of the group.

Where any rear *‘Axle Group’* includes a steerable *‘Axle’* in conjunction with one or more non-steerable *‘Axles’*, only the non-steerable *‘Axles’* shall be considered in determining the *‘Centre of an Axle Group’*.

…”

1. Clause 3. DEFINITIONS amend to read:

“…

TWIN STEER AXLE GROUP - a group of two *‘Axles’*:

with single tyres; and

fitted to a motor vehicle; and

connected to the same steering mechanism; and

the horizontal distance between the centrelines of which is at least 1.0 metre, but not more than 2.5 metres.

…”

## Schedule 2 – Amendments

### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/04 – Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions) 2006

1. Clause 7.1.1, after “part of the vehicle,” insert “ on”.
2. Clause 8.1, after “*‘Axle Group’*”, insert “,”.
3. Clause 8.1, after “*‘Twin Steer Axle Group’*”, insert “ with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each *‘Axle’*,”.

## Schedule 3 – Amendments

### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/03 – Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions) 2006

1. Clause 7.2.1, after “part of the vehicle,” insert “ on”.
2. Clause 8.1, after “*‘Axle Group’*”, insert “,”.
3. Clause 8.1, after “*‘Twin Steer Axle Group’*”, insert “ with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each *‘Axle’*,”.

## Schedule 4 – Amendments

### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/02 – Vehicle Configuration and Dimensions) 2006

1. Clause 43.4.4.3, omit “tranverse”, substitute “transverse”.
2. Clause 43.6.1.1, after “part of the vehicle,” insert “ on”.
3. Clause 43.7, after “*‘Axle Group’*”, insert “,”.
4. Clause 43.7, after “*‘Twin Steer Axle Group’*”, insert “ with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each *‘Axle’*,”.

## Schedule 5 – Amendments

### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/01 – Vehicle Configuration and Marking) 2006

1. Clause 43.6.1.1, after “part of the vehicle,” insert “ on”.
2. Clause 43.7, after “`Axle Group'”, insert “,”.
3. Clause 43.7, after “`Twin Steer Axle Group'”, insert “ with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each *‘Axle’*,”.

## Schedule 6 – Amendments

### Vehicle Standard (Australian Design Rule 43/00 – Vehicle Configuration and Marking) 2006

1. Clause 43.4.2.1.2, omit “metes”, substitute “metres”.
2. Clause 43.4.5.2.1, omit “wheal”, substitute “wheel”.
3. Clause 43.6.1.1, after “part of the vehicle,” insert “ on”.
4. Clause 43.7, after “'Axle Group'”, insert “,”.
5. Clause 43.7, after “'Twin Steer Axle Group'”, insert “ with not more than 2.0 metres horizontal distance between the centrelines of each *‘Axle’*,”.