

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.

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[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’*,”.