



AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULE NO. 10A - STEERING COLUMNS

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10.1 Definition

10.1.1 Steering Column Assembly - The steering column assembly shall comprise the basic steering column mechanism, the steering wheel and the associated horn-actuating mechanism, trim hardware, etc., and include any portion of the column and its attachments which may contain any energy absorber for the purpose of dissipating energy upon impact.

10.2 Requirements

10.2.1 The steering column assembly shall be so constructed that when it is impacted by a body block in accordance with Society of Automotive Engineers Recommended Practice J944 - Steering Wheel Assembly Laboratory Test Procedure, December 1965 the body block, of 75-80 pounds weight and moving at a speed of 22 feet per second in a direction equivalent to a horizontal direction relative to the top of the steering column in the vehicle, shall be brought to rest in such a manner that at no time shall the load exerted on the body block by the steering column assembly exceed 2,500 pounds force.