

vehicle, who shall also see that it is at all times carried close to a near side doorway so placed as to be readily accessible from both inside and outside of the vehicle.

(2) The driver of a passenger-service vehicle shall not allow any fire-extinguisher to inconvenience passengers, either by reason of its condition or position.

*Signals from and Hand-supports for Passengers.*

13. (1) Every passenger-service vehicle for use in a licensed service having more than twelve passenger seats, and any other passenger-service vehicle if so required by the Authorized Officer, shall be provided with suitable equipment to enable any passenger thereon to signal to the driver and conductor (or attendant) if any. The equipment shall be conveniently placed to serve each group of not more than five seated passengers, or less if the Authorized Officer considers the general arrangement of the seats throughout the body so requires.

(2) Sufficient hand-rails, hand-straps, or hand-grips shall be provided for the convenience and safety of passengers when standing in or moving along passageways.

*Fume, &c., Protection.*

14. The passenger-service vehicle must be so constructed and maintained that smells or fumes from the exhaust-pipe or other sources, or the heat from the motor exhaust-pipe, or any other parts, shall not injuriously affect any part of the passenger-service vehicle, or injuriously affect or interfere with the comfort of the passengers or driver.

*Destination Signs and Marker Lights.*

15. Unless the Authorized Officer approves otherwise,—

(1) On the front of every passenger-service vehicle there shall be placed, not lower than 3 ft. above the ground, words to indicate for every single journey the destination, and also, in the case only of every omnibus at a reasonable height on at least the near side thereof words to indicate the general route of the vehicle (if more than one route is available) so that the words in each case will in daylight be clearly visible to persons of normal sight at a distance of 44 yd. At all times while the omnibus is by law required to be lighted, the front indicator containing the information aforesaid shall be clearly illuminated. It shall be the duty of the driver of the vehicle to see that the destination and route signs (or any words indicating route exhibited on the vehicle) are correct for each single journey, and that the front indicator of his omnibus is illuminated when required as aforesaid.

(2) Every service-car or service-coach intended for or used in a licensed service after sunset shall be fitted with two "marker lights" (one each side of the longitudinal centre-line of the vehicle) coloured blue and with a lens not less than 3 sq. in. effective area, directed horizontally forward and fitted as high up as is conveniently possible near the front of the body and as far apart transversely as is structurally convenient, but in no case closer than 40 in. from centre to centre.

*Tires.*

16. (1) Each tire of a passenger-service vehicle shall be made of soft or elastic materials, such as rubber, and shall be of good quality and construction throughout, and shall always be maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition.

(2) Every passenger-service vehicle shall be equipped with tires of sufficient load capacity to meet reasonable requirements of service, and in determining the sizes of the tires required the load tables and data as published from time to time by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Ltd. (England), and by the Tire and Rim Association, Inc. (U.S.A.), may be utilized by the Commissioner with any variation thereof that he may deem reasonable. In the case of a pneumatic tire its appropriate inflation pressure shall be that recommended by the standard tables as aforesaid, and so far as practicable the tire shall be kept inflated at that pressure. If the tire is of such make, type, or construction that recommendations concerning it are not published in either of the said tables, then the load limits and inflation pressures of the tire as aforesaid shall be such as are fixed by the Commissioner.

*Electric Wires.*

17. Wires conducting electric current shall be properly insulated, and be protected from injury, and shall be so placed as to minimize the risk of danger from short-circuits or other causes.

*Oil Protection.*

18. The exhaust-pipe shall not be placed where oil or any inflammable or vaporizable material is likely to be dropped upon it.

*Accumulation of Benzine, &c.*

19. When a guard, tray, or undershield is fixed beneath the engine, carburettor, or fuel-tank it shall be so constructed that any overflow of liquid fuel is not retained thereon.

*Steering.*

20. (1) Steering-gear and all connections thereof shall be of ample strength, and their design and leverage shall be such as to give convenient and sensitive control.

(2) When ball-and-socket joints of steering-connections are used the longitudinal or transverse rods, as the case may be, shall be supported upon the ball, or the respective parts of the ball-and-socket joint shall be prevented from separating through wear or neglect of maintenance by the provision of a special keeper, or by fitting some other suitable and positive retaining-device approved for the purpose by the Authorized Officer.

*Protection from Vibration.*

21. Unless approved otherwise by the Authorized Officer, all brake and steering connections and all parts connected by bolts or by studs and nuts which in the opinion of the Authorized Officer are subject to severe vibration, shall be fastened by lock-nuts, castellated nuts with pins, or by nuts with approved spring washers or lock-nut washers.

*Protection from Breakages.*

22. Whenever the Authorized Officer so requires on a passenger-service vehicle there shall be provided, to his satisfaction, effective and sufficient means of control to restrict the field of swing of the driving-shaft in the event of breakage of either the driving-shaft or the gear-box.

*Parcels, &c.*

23. (1) In every omnibus approved for the carriage of standing passengers reasonable provision conveniently placed throughout the body shall be made for the carriage of passenger's parcels, coats, and other articles, and when it is desired by the owner of the passenger-service vehicle that baggage (or goods) be allowed on the passenger-service vehicle, safe and reasonable provision as may be required by the Authorized Officer shall be made for its carriage and protection.

(2) When baggage or goods are to be carried within a passenger-service vehicle body the passengers shall be protected from possible injury or discomfort by a partition, guard rails, grill, screen, or by other means approved by the Authorized Officer.

*Spare Wheel, Tools, &c.*

24. The owner of every passenger-service vehicle shall cause to be carried thereon at all times when in service a properly equipped spare wheel, or a spare rim and tire, ready for service in respect of each size of tire being used, and also sufficient and suitable tools and renewable parts to meet all reasonable road needs:

Provided that any passenger-service vehicle may, at the discretion of the Authorized Officer by writing under his hand, be exempted for the duration of the current certificate of fitness or permit or for such shorter period as may therein be stated, either in whole or in part, from the requirements of this regulation.

*Trailers.*

25. A trailer shall not be used in conjunction with a passenger-service vehicle unless the certificate of fitness or the permit, as the case may be, so provides.

*Jacks, &c.*

26. One suitable complete and efficient lifting-jack of an ordinary rated capacity of at least three-quarters of the total laden weight of the vehicle shall at all times while a passenger-service vehicle is in service be carried under the driver's seat, or in some near-by conspicuous position, and shall be readily available without the use of a key, and, in addition, any other appliances or equipment that may, in the opinion of the Authorized Officer, be necessary in cases of accident or emergency for any particular route or vehicle shall also be carried thereon. The owner of any vehicle equipped as aforesaid shall provide for the efficient tuition of the driver and conductor or attendant (if any) in the use of such jack and appliances.

*Loading.*

27. (1) The fact that in the opinion of the Authorized Officer the chassis of any passenger-service vehicle is carrying, or in service is likely to carry, a greater load, or to be subjected in the frame or other vital part to a greater unit stress than it was designed by the makers regularly and continuously