

type, sizes, and construction intended for service on the finished passenger-service vehicle), but does not include any of the following:—

- (a) The spare rim and tire or the spare wheel, as the case may be; or
- (b) The tools, jacks, and such-like gear; or
- (c) The special equipment such as external rack for baggage or the extra equipment such as collision-buffers; or
- (d) The fuel, oil, and water.

39. The Authorized Officer shall be supplied before inspection of the passenger-service vehicle (and before construction of the body) with a schedule in detail, describing the several parts included in each of the items (a), (b), (c), and (d) set out in clause (5) of the last preceding regulation, and the respective weights of each of such items shall be then supplied to the Authorized Officer or shall be specially obtained without delay if he so requires. In addition, the Authorized Officer shall be supplied, before inspection of the passenger-service vehicle (and before construction of the body), with the following information:—

- (i) A copy of the maker's specifications, plans (to scale) and data covering the design, the strength or capacity, the dimensions and the weight of the chassis, and including the manufacturer's certified ordinary allowance for body-weight, his ordinary rating of the passenger-service vehicle in passenger-seating capacity, and the unit-weight allowance per passenger, the ordinary rating of the safe load on the chassis in pounds avoirdupois for regular daily passenger-service, and the maximum safe gross-load limit in pounds on the chassis when in daily service.
- (ii) Complete information concerning the braking systems, steering-mechanism, gear ratios, and relative road speeds, engine revolutions at normal speed, battery capacity, nature or type of head-lamps, and the mechanical signalling device or devices (if any).
- (iii) Plans (dimensional and drawn to scale) and specifications covering the design, the nature and quality of materials in the body, its fittings and equipment, together with the actual weight of the complete body with its fittings and equipment: Provided that if the body weight cannot be declared at the time an estimate of its weight shall be given.
- (iv) Any other information which the Authorized Officer may deem necessary.

PART III.

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO PASSENGER-TRUCKS.

Drivers' Protection.

40. (1) Clause (6) of Regulation 7 hereof shall apply to passenger-trucks.

(2) In a passenger-truck there shall be no avoidable obstruction of any nature whatsoever which may interfere with the driver's near or distant vision, whether in front or to the right or left.

Liquid Fuel.

41. Clauses (1) and (4) of Regulation 9 hereof shall apply to passenger-trucks.

Brakes.

42. Clauses (1), (2), and (3) of Regulation 10 hereof shall apply to passenger-trucks: Provided that in the case of a vehicle to be used only under a temporary license or for only a short period the Authorized Officer may, at his discretion, dispense with any of the requirements of the said clause 10 (1) if he is satisfied that the brakes are sufficiently safe and efficient in the circumstances.

Tires.

43. Clauses (1) and (2) of Regulation 16 hereof shall apply to passenger-trucks.

Steering.

44. The steering-mechanism of a passenger-truck shall give reasonably sensitive control, and any ball-and-socket connection which in the opinion of the Authorized Officer requires the fitting of a keeper or retainer shall be so equipped.

Jacks.

45. One complete and efficient lifting-jack of an ordinary rated capacity equal at least to the tare weight of the vehicle shall be carried under the driver's seat in every passenger-truck or otherwise as approved by the Authorized Officer, and the jack shall be readily available without the use of a key.

Loading.

46. Clauses (1) and (3) of Regulation 27 and clause (3) of Regulation 38 shall apply to passenger-trucks.

General Body Requirements.

47. (1) Clause (2) of Regulation 33 shall apply to passenger-trucks.

(2) Every passenger-truck shall be fitted with a body and cab securely and firmly fixed to the chassis. The floor of the body shall be of wood or other suitable approved material, and shall be unbroken and closely jointed throughout.

(3) The cab of every passenger-truck shall be fitted with a transparent front windshield, and shall be designed to give to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer reasonable protection to the driver and the passengers (if any) from the weather.

(4) The body of every passenger-truck (exclusive of the driver's cab) shall be constructed throughout—

- (a) As a fixed "all-weather" unit, or as a self-contained walled and roofed structure attached to and readily detachable from the truck proper, as may be required by the owner; or
- (b) As a rigid framework with or without a sheet covering for weather protection enclosing the space to be occupied by the passengers; or
- (c) With rigid guards, battens, or railings surrounding the space to be occupied by the passengers securely held to the floor, cab, or other fixed part of the vehicle, placed within 9 in. of the floor and reaching to a height of not less than 11½ in. above the floor as a protection for the passengers who may be seated on the floor, and when seats or forms are provided, the height to the top of the guard, battens, or railings shall be not less than 11½ in. above the level of the seat-board, while if passengers are to be carried on the floor between or among the seats intermediate railings or battens shall be provided so that the opening between adjacent railings or battens shall be not more than 9 in. from edge to edge; or
- (d) As any combination of the above types (a), (b), or (c) approved of by the Authorized Officer.

(5) In every passenger-truck ready means for entry to and exit from the vehicle shall at all times be available to the passengers, and if so required by the Authorized Officer, the place or places of entry and exit access shall be fitted with steps or other suitable means to give a convenient approach. When the body is as described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of the last preceding clause at least two entry and exit ways shall be provided, one on the near side and the other either at the back or on the off side.

(6) If the passenger space is completely surrounded by material not readily able to be folded or opened for ventilation purposes, then provision for effective ventilation must be made in or near the roof.

Seating Accommodation.

48. (1) All passengers in a passenger-truck shall be carried in a seated position for which the necessary space or facilities must be available as hereinafter provided.

(2) Each adult passenger over sixteen years of age shall have at least 3½ sq. ft. of floor space if a seat is not provided, and at least 3 sq. ft. of floor space if a seat is provided. Each passenger under sixteen years of age, however seated, shall have not less than 2 sq. ft. of floor space.

(3) In every passenger-truck the seat in the front cab or driver's compartment shall provide for its full width not less than 1 ft. 4 in. in length for the driver and for each seated passenger.

(4) Passenger-seating accommodation shall be provided only on one side of the driver of a passenger-truck.

(5) Any seats provided for passengers, exclusive of seats in the front cab or driver's compartment, shall fulfill the following requirements:—

(a) Unless the Authorized Officer approves otherwise, the distance from the floor or floor-covering to the level of the top of the seat, with cushion (if any) uncompressed, shall be approximately 1 ft. 6 in., and the distance from the front to the back of the seat or the seat-board shall be not less than 9 in.

(b) For each passenger over sixteen years of age there shall be provided not less than 1 ft. 4 in. in length of seat measured along the front edge of the seat or seat-board.

(c) All seats shall be of ample strength and shall be securely and rigidly fastened to the floor or the body of the vehicle.

Maximum Passenger Accommodation.

49. The maximum passenger accommodation of a passenger-truck shall be determined by the Authorized Officer by computation of the seating and floor space available as provided in the last preceding regulation, and also by application of Regulation 46 hereof, so far as it applies.

Miscellaneous.

50. (1) The following regulations shall apply to passenger-trucks: Regulations 17 (electric wires), 21 (protection from vibration), 22 (protection from breakages), 24 (spare wheel, tools, &c.), 28 (Motor-vehicles Act requirements), and 29 (inspection) hereof.

(2) To assist the Authorized Officer in identifying the vehicle, and in the inspection thereof, the owner thereof shall supply any information available or obtainable concerning the vehicle or its history which may be required by the Authorized Officer.

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