



Ministry of **Transport**  
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**WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

**PURSUANT** to sections 152 and 155(a) and (b) of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in section 164(2) of that Act

**I, Michael Woodhouse**, Associate Minister of Transport,

**HEREBY** make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages  
Amendment 2013

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 2013

Michael Woodhouse

Associate Minister of Transport

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# **Land Transport Rule**

## **Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2013**

**Rule 32011/3**



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## Objective of the Rule

**Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2013** (the amendment Rule) amends *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002* (the Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Rule). The Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Rule is aimed at ensuring that safety requirements for the fitting and maintenance of seatbelts are complied with, and that seatbelts are securely anchored to a vehicle's structure so that they function effectively in a crash.

The objective of the amendment Rule is to make changes to the Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Rule that:

- clarify the scope of *clauses 2.6(3)* and *3.4* by replacing the references to 'scratch-built vehicle' with references to 'low volume vehicle';
- revoke the definition of 'scratch-built vehicle'.

## Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to the Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Rule and eight other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2013* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into nine separate amendment Rules, including this Rule.

The NZ Transport Agency sent details of the amendment proposals by letter or email to approximately 2400 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the NZ Transport Agency's Contact Centre and, together with Questions and Answers, was also made available on the NZ Transport Agency's website. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the daily newspapers in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin and in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

The NZ Transport Agency received 22 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which eight commented on the proposed amendments to the Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Rule.

The submissions received were taken into account in finalising this amendment Rule following which it was submitted to the Associate Minister of Transport for signing.



## **Section 1      Application**

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### **1.1                      Title**

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2013*.

### **1.2                      Commencement**

This Rule comes into force on 1 January 2014.

### **1.3                      Scope of Rule**

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002*.

## **Section 2      Amendments to Rule requirements**

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### **2.1                      Fitting, position and type requirements for seatbelt anchorages**

2.1(1)                      In *clause 2.6(3)(a)*, replace “scratch-built” with “low volume”.

2.1(2)                      In *clause 2.6(3)(b)*, replace “scratch-built” with “low volume”.

### **2.2                      Scratch-built low volume vehicles**

2.2(1)                      In the heading of *clause 3.4*, replace “Scratch-built low volume vehicles” with “Low volume vehicles”.

2.2(2)                      In *clause 3.4*, delete “scratch-built”.

## **Section 3      Amendment to Definitions**

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### **3.1                      Revocation of definition**

In *Part 2, Definitions* revoke the definition of ‘scratch-built vehicle’.