



SAFETY ALERT

Transport Agency urging checks of truck drawbeams

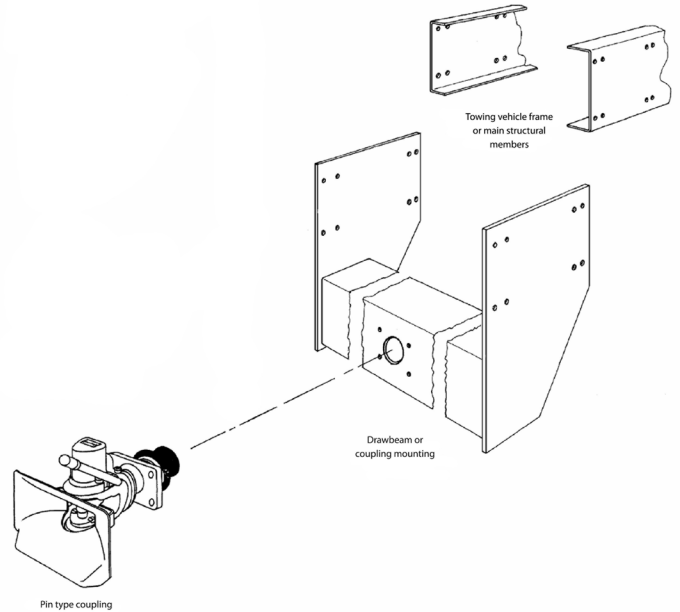
The Transport Agency is investigating a catastrophic failure of a truck drawbeam that resulted in a laden heavy trailer separating on 18 October 2016.

Urgent work is underway to identify any other affected trucks so that they can be checked, with one already withdrawn from the same fleet where the drawbeam showed signs of fatigue cracks.

In the meantime, this safety alert is asking truck operators, service personnel and vehicle inspectors to check for signs of cracks in drawbeams as shown below.

Any findings of fatigue cracking requires immediate removal of the truck from trailer towing services and repair managed with a body builder and their heavy vehicle specialist certifier. Please report any drawbeams with signs of fatigue to vehicles@nzta.govt.nz with contact details, vehicle registration number and location of drawbeam or vehicle.

If you have any immediate concerns please contact your truck body builder seeking advice on how to get your drawbeam checked.



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