

***Pre-shipment Inspection Criteria  
for Jamaica***

***Ver. 3***

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## AMENDMENTS

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**Additional Clause 3. b. 10. Tires** – Must not be fitted the snow (winter) tires.

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**Additional Clause 4. Quarantine Inspection** – All used motor vehicles are mandated Quarantine inspection imported into Jamaica.

**Biosecurity Contaminants and Regulated Pest Thresholds**

Type	Contaminant Type	Threshold Permitted
Animals	Live animals such as amphibians, arthropods, birds, crustaceans, mammals, mollusks, reptiles.	Nil tolerance = Zero (always seen as a pest)* Note: Dead arthropods including dead insects, mites and spiders are not seen as contaminants.
	Animal products or by-products such as blood, bones, carcasses, excretions, feathers, fibre, meat, etc.	Nil tolerance = Zero (always seen as a contaminant)*
Aquatic	Water (pooled or standing)	Nil tolerance = Zero (always seen as a contaminant) Note: Traces of water remaining after approved treatments are not seen as contaminants.
Micro-organisms	Fungi that is embedded/systemic in the vehicle, machine or tyre.	Nil tolerance = Zero (always seen as a contaminant)* Note: Surface fungi (mildew) is not considered as a contaminant if it can be wiped off.
Plants	Fresh/green plant material and flowers	Nil tolerance = Zero (always seen as a contaminant)*
	Fruit (whole) and seeds (including cones with seeds, dried seeds and fruit with seeds).	Nil tolerance = Zero (always seen as a contaminant) Note: Burnt, dried, scorched seeds that are present in or on exhaust systems and radiations are not seen as contaminants.
	Small pieces of loose dead or dry plant material such as dark, fruit pieces, leaves, sawdust or twigs.	5 pieces More than 5 pieces are seen as actionable contaminants by the inspector.* Note: Burnt, dried, scorched pieces of material that are present in or on exhaust systems and radiators are not seen as contaminants.
	Pine needles	Nil tolerance = Zero (always seen as a contaminant)
Soil	Clumps or loose soil may contain micro-organisms.	20 grams More than 20 grams is seen as a contaminant. Note: Road film (fine dust or soil particles) that is free of organic material and present as a thin covering is not seen as a contaminant.

\*Unless officially identified as otherwise or as a species that is not a regulated pest.

ATJ passed vehicles which remain in storage areas for 30 days or longer are required to be re-inspected externally.

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**Amendment Clause 1. Age at Importation**

Amendment to Section 6.0 of The Motor Vehicle Import Policy Age of Vehicle at Importation Ministry Paper # 36/14			
Category of Vehicles	Types of Vehicles	Approved Age Limit (yrs.)	
Cars	Sedans: Seating capacity not exceeding 5 persons	6	
	Station Wagons: Seating capacity not exceeding 8 persons	6	
	SUVs: Seating capacity not exceeding 8 persons	6	
Light Commercial Vehicles	Buses: Seating capacity not exceeding 8 persons	6	
	Pick Up Trucks: Unladen weight not exceeding 1,500 Kg	6	
	Pick Up Trucks, Other Small Trucks: Unladen weight 1,501 Kg – 3,000 Kg.	10	
	Panel Vans	10	
	Window Vans	10	
	Buses: Seating capacity 9 – 14 persons	10	
Commercial Vehicles	Buses:	Seating capacity 15 – 20 persons	12
		Seating capacity 21 – 30 persons	15
		Seating capacity 31 – 45 persons	20
		Seating capacity exceeding 46 persons	25
	Trucks:	Unladen weight 3,001Kg– 6,000Kg	20
		Unladen weight 6,001Kg– 8,000Kg	25
		Unladen weight exceeding 8,000Kg	30
Others	Motor Cycles	5	
	Other Heavy Duty Commercial Equipment	30	

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# Vehicle Inspection Procedure for Jamaica

## 1. Age at Importation

The age limit shall be as shown below;

Cars: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Five (5) years

Motor Cycles: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Five (5) years

Light Commercial: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Six (6) years

~~(Pick-ups, Panel/Window Vans, SUVs, Station Wagons with seating capacity 6 and above,~~

~~Trucks/Buses with seating capacity 9-14, Trucks with unladen weigh less than 3,000KG)~~

Vehicles for use as Taxis: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Eight (8) years

Vehicles for use by Farmers: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Eight (8) years

Vehicles Imported by Returning Residents: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding ten (10) years

Trucks/Buses: \_\_\_\_\_ As Indicated Below

- ~~Used for the transportation of passengers (seating capacity 15 and above)~~

~~Seating Capacity 15-29: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Twelve (12) years~~

~~Seating Capacity 30-44: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Fourteen (14) years~~

~~Seating Capacity 45 & Over: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Twenty (20) years~~

- ~~Used for the transportation of cargo (Unladen weigh 3,000KG/3 Tonnes and above)~~

~~3,000-4,000 kg: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Fifteen (15) years~~

~~4,001-8,000 kg: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Twenty (20) years~~

~~Over 8,000 kg: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Twenty Five (25) years~~

~~Other heavy duty commercial equipment: \_\_\_\_\_ Not exceeding Thirty (30) years~~

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## 2. Odometer Reading

Odometer shall not fraudulent tampering or replacement clusters.

## 3. Roadworthiness

### a. Documentation Requirements

Inspection Application Form filled and submitted to the 'Service Provider' office, supported by the following documentation;

- Original Export Certificate
- Poof of Payment of inspection fee

### b. Inspection Criteria

#### 1. Visual Inspection

- The vehicle should have no significant corrosion for the structural body.
- Repairs must have been properly done if the vehicle has a repair history.
- Structural damage must have been properly fixed.
- Broken and missing vehicle parts vital to the safe operation of the vehicle are rejected.
- Loose parts need to be adjusted to comply the inspection.
- Wirings and cable must be properly fixed.

#### 2. Engine

- Must have no excessive noise or vibration, mechanisms must function properly.
- Cooling system must operate correctly.
- Must have no excessive deterioration or damage to the belts.

- Must have no fluid leakage including water, oil and fuel.
- Must have no fluid leakage from the battery.
- Wirings and cables to be properly fixed.

### **3. Braking Systems and Components**

- Any brake component must not be worn / corroded / fractured / reduced.
- Brake back plate/disc must not be loose.
- Any retaining/locking device not missing or insecure.
- Brake lining and pad not missing/excessively worn/insecure.
- Any ABS components must have no missing/damaged/disconnected.
- Brake valves must not be inoperative/insecure/damaged/fractured/excessively corroded or leakage of oil/contaminant.
- Brake pipes and hoses must not be excessively chafed/damaged/ corroded.
- Brake master cylinder/reservoir/wheel cylinder/caliper must fix properly.
- Brake master cylinder/wheel cylinder/caliper must have no damage/incorrectly fitted/fractured.
- Parking Brake must work correctly.

### **4. Steering wheel**

- Must not be fractured.
- Must fix properly.
- Must have no loose to column shaft.
- Must have retaining device.

### **5. Suspension/Underside**

- Must have no significant corrosion present.
- Must have no leakage of water, oil or fuel.
- Must have no loose mounts.
- Must have no tear on the boots or bushes.
- Shock absorbers must operate normally and properly.

### **6. Exhaust System**

- Must have no leakage.
- Must have no excessive noise.
- The exhaust shall not emit dense blue or clearly visible black smoke.

### **7. Doors**

- Must be able to open and close properly.
- Must be able to lock (latch) properly.
- All components are fixed firmly.
- Power operated doors must be able to be operated manually.
- Draft extruders and weather rubbers must be present and working.
- Sliding doors must be functional properly.

### **8. Interior**

- All interior linings and upholstery must be fixed properly.
- Must be equipped with seatbelt and function properly.
- Components parts must not have deterioration, looseness and other excessive damage.

### **9. Wheel hubs/stub axles**

- Must have no excessive play in wheel bearing.

- Must have no excessive play in king pins/king bushes.

**10. Tires**

- Correct tire size for the vehicle.
- Must have no cracking, bulging or tear in the fabric not exceeding 25mm and 10% of the tread width.
- Tread depth more than 1.6mm.
- Must fix to the vehicle firmly.
- Must be correctly inflated.
- Must not be fouling.
- Must not be fitted the recut tires.

**11. Instrumentation**

- Must be functioning correctly.
- Main lights must be functioning correctly (such as warning lamps and odometer display)

**12. Electrical Wiring and Equipment**

- Battery must have no insecure/leakage, and battery box must not vented.
- Wiring must have no insecure/inadequately insulated/insulation due to chafing or heat.
- Lighting switch must have no insecure/malfunctioning.

**13. Lightning System**

- All bulbs working.
- Switches functioning correctly.
- Must have no damages on lenses (cracks permitting water ingress, etc.).
- Lamps must have no insecure or missing.
- Warning lights must not be marked.
- Direction indicators and Hazard warning lamps must fit and operative correctly.

**14. Obligatory Reflectors**

- Rear reflectors must be colored red.
- Front or middle reflectors must be colored orange.
- Must be securely attached.

**15. Mirrors**

- Must be operating correctly and provide adequate view. .
- Must be securely attached.

**16. Wipers**

- Function correctly in accordance with switch operation.
- Rubber blade functioning correctly.
- Must have no deterioration of rubber blade.

**17. Windscreen Glass**

- Must have no crack longer than 2cm and 'Star' damage greater in diameter than 1.5 cm in the area of the windscreen.
- Windscreen glass, drivers window and front passengers window will be of clear glass (except the original manufacturers color)
- Marked with appropriate safety standards.

**18. Accessory**

- Accessories vital to the safe operation of the vehicle must be functioning correctly.

**19. Radiation Inspection**

- All units from Japan will undergo radiation inspection covering 5 points of interest (wheel housings & front grill). The readings observed must be below 0.3uSv/Hr non-background compensated.

**c. Mechanical Inspection Criteria**

**1. Speed Meter**

- Reading: between 31 – 44.4 km/h (driving at 40km/h)
- Deflection: within +/-3 km/h (driving at more than 35km/h)

**2. Brake**

- Sum of main brake: more than 50% of mass (vehicle weight + 55 kg)
- Sum of parking brake: more than 20% of mass (vehicle weight + 55 kg)
- Sum of rear wheel brake: more than 10% of axis weight.
- Front Pull: within 8% of axis weight  
(Front: axis weight + 55 kg/rear: axis weight)

**3. Headlight**

Illuminance

- 4 Lights: more than 12000cd
- 2 Lights (available low beam light at the same time): more than 12000cd
- 2 Lights (not available low beam light at the same time): more than 15000cd

Light Axis Must be set within 10m from the front of the vehicle.

**4. Side Slip**

- Side Slip: 5 mm in/out for 1m drive

**5. Exhaust**

- Petrol  
CO: under 0.5%  
HC: under 1200ppm

**6. Diesel (metered smoke test)**

Turbo Charged: within 53%  
Non Turbo: within 48%

**d. Operational Testing**

**1. Drive Test**

Must have no excessive noise and abnormality when driving the vehicle.

**2. Idle Test**

Must have no excessive noise or abnormality when vehicle is idle.

*Note; Effective February 1, 2018, all vehicles not yet shipped will require a Pre-shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) from Autoterminal Japan Ltd. (ATJ) before an import permit is issued by The Trade Board Limited (TBL). Vehicles arriving without PSICs (and therefore without TBL import permits) will be re-exported at the owner's expense or scrapped and sold for parts by the Jamaica Customs Agency (JCA). Such unlicensed vehicles will under no circumstances be allowed into Jamaica.*