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Road Vehicle Component Type Approval

The following component has been granted a component type approval under section 177 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019*. The component fully complies with the applicable national road vehicle standards.

Couplemate Trailer Parts

CM298

Approval holder	The trustee for Wotherspoon Family Trust
Approval number	CTA-047277
This approval is valid from	25/08/2022
Approval expires on	24/08/2029 (unless revoked earlier)

This component type approval is subject to the conditions set out in the attachment to this approval notice.

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Delegate of the Secretary

Vehicle Safety Operations Branch

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts

25/08/2022

Attachment A: Conditions of approval and additional information

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The type of road vehicle component complies with the national road vehicle standards identified in Attachment A1. See Attachment A1 for references to the documents that demonstrate compliance with the nominated national road vehicle standards.

Automatic suspension of an approval

A component type approval will be automatically suspended if certain circumstances exist regarding new or amended national road vehicle standards. These circumstances are listed in section 202 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019* (Rules).

You will be notified in writing twelve, six and three months prior to the time that a new or amended standard becomes applicable. To maintain the currency of this approval you will need to demonstrate compliance to the new or amended standard or apply to vary the approval under subsection 197(2) of the Rules.

Recalls of approved road vehicle components

Approval holders are reminded of their obligations related to the recall of approved road vehicle components, as set out in Part 3 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* and Part 8 of the Rules.

Further information on recalls and compliance with obligations is available at:

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/recalls/>.

Conditions of the approval

This road vehicle component type approval is subject to a range of conditions.

The breach of a condition of an approval is a serious matter. If the approval holder does not comply with a condition, the approval holder and, if applicable, the executive officers may have committed an offence under section 28 of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018*.

Potential penalties for breach of a condition of an approval may include but are not limited to:

- suspension or revocation of the approval
- an infringement notice of 12 penalty units for executive officers of a company or individuals, or 60 penalty units for a company
- court action such as civil penalty proceedings or criminal prosecution, which could result in a maximum penalty of 120 penalty units

Standard conditions

Standard conditions are set out in Part 6, Division 3 of the Rules and automatically apply to all road vehicle component type approvals. These conditions is set out in **Attachment A2**.

Specified conditions

In accordance with paragraph 183(a) of the Rules, this approval is also subject to the specified conditions identified in **Attachment A3**.

Expiry of this approval

This approval is valid for the dates set out on page one of the approval notice, unless revoked earlier.

It is important that if the approval holder wishes for the road vehicle component type approval to continue after the expiry of this approval, that an application for a new road vehicle component type

approval is made well in advance of the expiry date. It may take at least 60 business days for the new application to be assessed.

When this approval expires, the approval holder must not represent that the road vehicle component is an approved road vehicle component unless a new road vehicle component type approval is granted.

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For further information, please consult the [contact us](#) information on the website for the department.

List of sub-attachments

Attachment A1 – Document references for compliance information and level of compliance for each national road vehicle standard

Attachment A2 – Standard conditions

Attachment A3 – Specified conditions

Attachment A1 – Documents used to demonstrate components of the type comply with the applicable national road vehicle standards

Please Note: A value of 'not applicable' in any of the below tables means the listed ADR did not apply to this component at the time of assessment.

Australian Design Rule (ADR)	Component compliance information document reference	Extent of compliance (including extent of any minor and inconsequential non-compliance)
ADR 62/02 - Mechanical Connections Between Vehicles	CM298-CTA	Full Compliance

Attachment A2 – Standard conditions

The standard conditions of all road vehicle component type approvals are set out in Part 6, Division 3 of the Rules and automatically apply to this approval. Each of the following requirements is a condition of a road vehicle component type approval:

Section 184 - Condition about compliance with national road vehicle standards

The holder of a road vehicle component type approval must ensure that the road vehicle component complies with the national road vehicle standards in force at the time that it is provided for use or installation in a road vehicle.

The holder of the road vehicle component type approval must be able to produce evidence that:

- demonstrates that the road vehicle component complies with the national standards in force at the time the component is provided for use
- could be taken into account for the purposes of subsection 177(2)

Section 185 - Condition about conformity of production system

The holder of a road vehicle component type approval must have a system that governs the manufacturing process that is outlined in the supporting information for the approval.

The system must provide information to ensure that the road vehicle component is covered by the approval and complies with the national road vehicle standards fully or substantially, if the non-compliance is considered minor and inconsequential.

Section 186 - Condition about providing information to the department

The holder of a road vehicle component type approval must provide or arrange for the Secretary or an inspector to access the original and any subsequent versions of the supporting information for the approval.

The holder of a road vehicle component type approval must:

- provide the Secretary or an inspector any information that is reasonably requested to assess whether the holder of the approval is complying with the Act, the Rules or any other instrument made under the Act or the Rules
- provide any other information or documents specified in such a request about road vehicle components to which the approval applies
- provide written answers to questions specified in the request about road vehicle components that are subject to the approval.

Section 186 - Condition about allowing or arranging an inspection

The holder of a road vehicle component type approval must allow or arrange for the Secretary or an inspector to inspect premises at any reasonable time for deciding whether the holder of the approval is complying with the national standards. This includes assessing if road vehicle components or road vehicles containing road vehicle components would meet the national road vehicle standards to the extent that those standards relate to the road vehicle component.

The holder of a road vehicle component type approval must be able to allow the Secretary or an inspector to inspect the premises where the road vehicle components are designed or manufactured, or things, including documents associated with the design and manufacture of the road vehicle component(s).

This includes any additional manufacturing or design facilities that provide components to the road vehicle component type approval holder that may be used to manufacture the road vehicle component(s).

Section 187 - Condition about record keeping

A holder of a road vehicle component type approval is required to keep the original and subsequent versions of the supporting information for the approval whilst it is in force and for a period of 7 years after it expires or is revoked. All supporting information must be kept up to date whilst the approval is in force.

Section 188 - Condition about providing instructions for use or installation of component

The holder of a road vehicle component type approval must provide instructions for the use or installation of the road vehicle component ensuring that, if the instructions are followed correctly, the road vehicle component will be installed in accordance with the national road vehicle standards applicable to that component.

When a component is provided, the road vehicle component type approval holder must ensure that the latest version of the instructions is made available to the installer of the road vehicle component.

Attachment A3 – Specified conditions

Notification of recall action

You must advise the Department, as soon as practicable, if recall action is undertaken outside of Australia in relation to a component that is or may be an approved road vehicle component that you provide for use or installation in a road vehicle.

Notification of systemic safety or non-compliance issues with the road vehicle component

You must advise the Department, as soon as practicable, of any systemic issues with the road vehicle component covered by the approval that:

- will or may cause injury to any person
- a reasonably foreseeable use (including a misuse) will or may cause injury to any person
- causes the component to not, or to likely not, comply with the applicable national road vehicle standards (except to the extent or in the respects to which the approval specified that the component is not required to comply with the applicable standards).

You may request that I provide reasons for the decision to specify conditions on this approval. Such a request must be made in writing to ROVERinfo@infrastructure.gov.au quoting the road vehicle component type approval number near the top of this document. I will provide reasons within 28 days of your request.

You may also apply to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) for review of the decision to specify conditions on the approval. Please see <https://www.aat.gov.au/> for further information.