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THE UNITED KINGDOM VEHICLE APPROVAL AUTHORITY



COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL GRANTED OF A TYPE
OF MECHANICAL COUPLING DEVICE OR COMPONENT, PURSUANT TO
REGULATION NO 55.01

Approval No: 55R-017330


Reason(s) for Extension: Not applicable

1. Trade name or mark of the device or component: VBG
2. Manufacturer's name for the type of device or component: DBE 172
3. Manufacturer's name and address:
VBG Group AB
46228 Vänersborg
Sweden
4. If applicable, name and address of the manufacturer's representative: Not applicable
5. Alternative supplier's names or trade marks applied to the device or component: Not applicable
6. Name and address of company or body taking responsibility for the conformity of production:
See item 3 above
7. Submitted for approval on: 3 September 2009
8. Technical service responsible for conducting approval tests: TÜV SÜD Automotive GmbH



9. Brief description: DBE 172, non standard toroidal drawbar eye to be combined with drawbar
- 9.1. Type and class of device or component: DBE 172, non standard toroidal drawbar eye, class S
- 9.2. Characteristic values:
- 9.2.1. Primary values:
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|--------------|------------|------------|
| D. 190 kN | Dc. 120 kN | S. 1000 kg |
| U.....tonnes | V. 40 kN | |
- Alternative values:
- | | | |
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| D..... kN | Dc..... kN | S..... kg |
| U.....tonnes | V..... kN | |
- 9.3. For Class A mechanical coupling devices or components, including towing brackets: Not applicable
- Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible vehicle mass:
Distribution of maximum permissible vehicle mass between the axles:
- Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible towable trailer mass:
- Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible static vertical load on coupling ball:
- Maximum mass of the vehicle, with bodywork, in running order, including coolant, oils, fuel, tools and spare wheel (if supplied) but not including driver:
- Loading condition under which the tow ball height of a mechanical coupling device fitted to category M1 vehicles is to be measured -see paragraph 2 of annex 7, appendix 1:
10. Instructions for the attachment of the coupling device or component type to the vehicle and photographs or drawings of the mounting points given by the vehicle manufacturer: See manufacturers documentation
11. Information on the fitting of any special reinforcing brackets or plates or spacing components necessary for the attachment of the coupling device or component: Not applicable
12. Additional information where the use of the coupling device or component is restricted to special types of vehicles - see annex 5, paragraph 3.4. Only usable for connection with hook type couplings
13. For Class K hook type couplings, details of the drawbar eyes suitable for use with the particular hook type. Not applicable



14. Date of test report: 17 September 2009
15. Number of test report: 09-00434-CX-GBM
16. Approval mark position: On type plate on the upper side of the drawbar eye
17. Reason(s) for extension of approval (if applicable): Not applicable
18. Approval GRANTED
19. Place: BRISTOL
20. Date: 02 OCTOBER 2009
21. Signature:  A. W. STENNING
Head of Technical and Quality Group
22. The list of documents deposited with the Administrative Service which has granted approval is annexed to this communication and may be obtained on request.

