

6 Body, Structure and Attachments

6.2.3 Doors and door catches

The inspection of doors does not apply where a door was not fitted as part of the original design of the vehicle. Similarly, a lack of door handles because of original design characteristics or specialist modification is not considered to be a defect provided the door can be latched securely in the closed position.

The driver's and all passenger doors must be able to be opened from outside. Drivers and front passenger doors must also be able to be opened from inside, using the relevant control in all cases.

The only requirement for load space doors is that they can be secured in the closed position.

Door hinges, catches and pillars should only be rejected for deterioration if door operation is adversely affected.

Defect	Category
(a) A door will not open using the relevant control or close properly.	Major
(b) A door likely to open inadvertently or not remain closed: (i) in the case of a sliding door (ii) in the case of a hinged door	Major Dangerous
(c) A door hinge, catch or pillar: (i) excessively deteriorated (ii) missing or insecure.	Minor Major

6.2.4 Floor

This inspection applies to the floor in driver, passenger and goods carrying compartments.

Areas of the floor within a 'prescribed area' are not included in this inspection.

Defect	Category
(a) A floor: (i) excessively deteriorated or insecure (ii) so deteriorated or insecure it is likely to cause loss of control of the vehicle, injury, load insecurity or instability.	Major Dangerous

6.2.5 Driver's seat

When checking the driver's seat adjustment it is not necessary to check that the seat can be secured in all possible positions. In the case of electrically adjusted seats, it is not necessary to check that any 'memory position' function is working.

Defect	Category
(a) A driver's seat: (i) with a defective structure (ii) insecure.	Major Dangerous
(b) A driver's seat: (i) fore and aft adjustment mechanism not working as intended (ii) seat moving inadvertently or backrest cannot be retained in the upright position.	Major Dangerous