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Amendment No. 1
to
AS 4177.1—2004
Caravan and light trailer towing components
Part 1: Towbars and towing brackets

REVISED TEXT

The 2004 edition of AS 4177.1 is amended as follows; the amendment(s) should be inserted in the appropriate place(s).

SUMMARY: This Amendment applies to Clauses 3.9 to 3.15, 4.6, 6.1 and 6.2.

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Page 5 Definitions 3.9 to 3.15

Renumber existing definitions 3.9 to 3.15 as 3.10 to 3.16 respectively.

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Page 5 Definition 3.9 (new)

Insert new definition after definition 3.8 as follows:

3.9 Rated towball down load

The maximum rated static mass exerted down onto the towing lug at the coupling centre-line.

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Page 5 Definition 3.12

Delete 'see Clause 3.13' and *replace* with 'see Clause 3.14'.

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Page 8 Clause 4.6 (new)

Add new Clause as follows:

4.6 Rated towball down load

The rated towball down load shall be marked on the towbar and shall be within the range of the towball down loads nominated by the vehicle manufacturer.

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Page 9 Clause 6.1 and Clause 6.2

Delete Clause 6.1 and Clause 6.2 and *replace* with the following Clause 6.1 and Clause 6.2:

6.1 Towbar

Towbars shall be legibly and permanently marked or shall carry a permanently attached identification plate, made from a durable material, in a conspicuous location with at least the following information in characters in English not less than 2.5 mm high:

- (a) Factory mark, trade name or manufacturer's name (if appropriate).
- (b) The vehicle make and model or Towbar Part Number.
- (c) The rated towball down load, in kilograms.
- (d) The rated towbar capacity, in kilograms.
- (e) Towing lug part number (if different from Towbar Part Number).
- (f) The words 'FOR TRAILER TOWING ONLY'.

6.2 Vehicle

If the towbar marking required by Clause 6.1 is not readily visible when the towbar is installed, an information label, made from durable material, shall be fixed in a conspicuous location on the vehicle.

- (a) The label shall be permanently marked with the words 'TOWBAR INFORMATION' followed by the information specified in Clause 6.1.
- (b) The label should be located on the inner panel of the driver's door.

NOTE: Manufacturers making a statement of compliance with this Australian Standard on a product, packaging, or promotional material related to that product are advised to ensure that such compliance is capable of being verified.
