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Foreword—This Document has been revised according to the new SAE Technical Standards Board format (Definitions is now Section 3) and 4.2.1 has been added. Metric has also been added.

1. Scope—This SAE Recommended Practice is intended to provide guidelines to the vehicle manufacturer for applying recovery attachment points on vehicles rated up to 3178 kg (7000 lb) GVW, such as passenger cars, vans, and light trucks.

1.1 Purpose—This document is intended to be used as a guideline for vehicle manufacturers to provide easily identified recovery attachment points. The benefits are: minimized vehicle damage during recovery, reduced recovery hookup time, and improved traffic incident management.

2. References

2.1 Related Publication—The following publication is provided for information purposes only and is not a required part of this document.

2.1.1 SAE PUBLICATION—Available from SAE, 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, PA 15096-0001.

SAE J1142—Towability Design Criteria and Equipment Use—Passenger Cars, Vans, and Light-Duty Trucks

3. Definitions

3.1 Recovery Point Access Angles—The angles of the recovery connecting device which should not create permanent damage during recovery.

3.2 Recovery Connecting Device—Attachable device, used in winching recovery operations, compatible with the designated recovery attachment points of a vehicle.

3.3 Recovery Vehicle—A vehicle specifically designed to recover, lift, and tow disabled vehicles.