

PBS EXP 18 - B-Triple (3-3-3)

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The type of heavy vehicle:	B-Triple (3-3-3) (Level 3)
The standard/s under the Standards and Vehicle Assessment Rules that a vehicle built to the design may not comply with:	<p>Maximum of Difference (C8b)</p> <p>Standard: 400mm</p> <p>This vehicle design: 450 mm (exceedance of 50mm)</p>
Reasons why the non-compliance will not pose any additional risk to safety or infrastructure if the particular conditions are imposed and complied with.	<p>The Regulator undertook a risk assessment before determining its support for the design. The Regulator concluded that although a heavy vehicle built to the design would not comply with Maximum of Difference (C8b) under the Standards and Vehicle Assessment Rules, it would not pose any greater risk than a heavy vehicle that did comply with the standard for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It exceeds the requirements of Low-Speed Swept Path (C7) in a way that offsets the failure to comply with Maximum of Difference (C8b). (Standard: 10.6m; This vehicle: 9.92m) • It exceeds the requirements of Frontal Swing (C8a) in a way that offsets the failure to comply with Maximum of Difference (C8b). (Standard: 0.85m; This vehicle: 0.47m) • Because of its 680mm margin for Low Speed Swept Path (C7) and 380mm margin for Frontal Swing (C8a), it will operate comfortably within Level 3, despite its non-compliance with C8b and will require less road space than other vehicles that comply with Level 3 standards. • The vehicle could be made to fully comply by installing a bulbar or other device that extended front overhang; however, Low-Speed Swept Path (C7) and Frontal Swing (C8a) would then increase. The benefits from higher performance in C7 and C8a would be lost by fixing the minor non-conformance with Maximum of Difference (C8b). <p>The vehicle complies with HNVR's Policy, PBS Section 9 Exemption Maximum of Difference and Difference of Maxima. The policy is based on a general risk assessment on the noncompliance and the policy is established to ensure equity of decisions and the safety of vehicles approved.</p>