



## Introduction

There are a number of buses that are fitted with wheelchair ramps or lifts. A gap has been recently identified in relation to the inspection requirements pertaining to buses fitted with these devices. The purpose of this SIB is to ensure the operation and structural integrity of these devices is inspected as part of both the initial and ongoing periodic inspections of all buses fitted with wheelchair ramps or lifts.

## Background

Whilst in use, a fold out ramp on a low floor bus failed at the hinge mounting point. This incident highlighted the need for these devices to be fully inspected on a regular basis.

## Action required

As of immediately, and in addition the current requirements set out in the AIS procedure manuals, when conducting a LPV Inspection on a bus that is fitted with a wheelchair loading ramp or wheelchair loading lift, VE's are to check the operation and structural integrity of the device. The key points to inspect are:

- That the device can be raised and lowered as intended by the manufacturer; and
- The original structural integrity of the device including its mounting and hinge point/s has not be compromised.

If the device does not operate as intended, or structural integrity is compromised the vehicle must not be passed.

## NOTE:

It is intended that these requirements will be included into the next version of the LVIM and the Tasmanian Supplement of the HVIM when they are released.

## Questions?

Any further questions regarding this Special Information Bulletin should be directed to AIS Compliance on 6166 3271 or via email to [ais@stategrowth.tas.gov.au](mailto:ais@stategrowth.tas.gov.au)