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<p><b>Automatic transmission</b> Vehicles with automatic transmission must never be roller brake tested with the gear selector in the “P” park position.</p> <p><b>Servo-assisted or Power brakes</b> For vehicle with servo assisted or power braking systems, the engine must be idling while the service brake is being tested.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> with a veteran car or a vehicle with special controls the driver should be allowed to drive during the test, if he/she wishes.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> where it is not possible to read the gauges of the roller brake tester while sitting in the driver’s seat, an assistant may apply the vehicle brakes during the test.</p> <p><b>The following information is for ATL approved test stations using a Computer Controlled RBT</b></p> <p>Follow the sequence of instructions as displayed and prompted on screen. On completion of the test print off the results.</p> <p><b>Class IV</b>, the ATL system has a facility to automatically weigh the vehicle and the presented weight will be used for the brake efficiency calculations.</p> <p><b>Class VII</b>, the brake efficiency must be calculated using DGW.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont’d ↓</p>	<p><b>Testing the front wheels</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With one set of rollers revolving at a time, (see information column if ATL approved) gradually depress the service brake until maximum effort is achieved, or until the wheel locks and slips on the rollers.</li> </ol> <p>Record the reading at which the maximum braking effort is achieved and whether “lock-up” occurs. Release the service brake.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start both sets of rollers and note whether a significant brake effort is recorded from any wheel without a brake being applied. Gradually depress the service brake and watch how the braking effort for each wheel increases.</li> </ol> <p>From the previous tests you will know the value at which wheelslip occurs. Aim to stop just short of this.</p> <p>However if wheelslip is caused unintentionally, start the test again.</p> <p>Gradually release the service brake and observe how the braking effort at each wheel reduces. Stop the rollers.</p> <p>Note the out-of-balance in braking effort between wheels on either side of the vehicle.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont’d ↓</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little or no braking effort is recorded from the brake on any wheel, indicating clearly that the brake is not functioning correctly</li> <li>see Reason for Rejection 8.</li> </ol> </li> <li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant braking effort recorded on a roadwheel, even though the brake is not applied, indicating that a brake is binding</li> <li>evidence of severe brake grabbing or judder as the brake is applied</li> <li>the braking efforts at the roadwheels do not <b>increase</b> at about the same rate when the service brake is applied gradually</li> <li>the braking efforts at the roadwheels do not <b>reduce</b> at about the same rate when the service brake is released gradually</li> <li>the out-of-balance of the brakes on the steered road wheels is greater than 25% at anytime (see Method of Calculating Brakes Out-of-Balance in Section 3.8). <b>Note:</b> Disregard any service brake imbalance when the brake effort from <b>each</b> front wheel is less than 40kg</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont’d ↓</p>

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<p><b>Old pre-1906 vehicles</b></p> <p>Vehicles certified by the London Science Museum as being before 1 January 1905 and constructed before 31 December 1905 do not require a parking brake.</p> <p><b>Vehicles of unknown test weight</b></p> <p>If after conducting the brake performance checks as set out in this section the vehicle does not meet the locked wheel criteria explained in the notes under RFR 8 and 9 carryout a further brake test using a decelerometer to determine the brake efficiencies.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For method of calculating Brake efficiency see Section 3.8.</p> <p><b>Vehicles which only just pass</b></p> <p>With some vehicles, the required brake efficiency is just obtained or just exceeded, but the tester knows that a higher performance figure is normally obtained for the type of vehicle.</p> <p>Although the vehicle has passed the brake performance test, the tester should advise the vehicle presenter that the braking system appears to need adjustment or repair.</p>	<p><b>Testing the front wheels</b></p> <p>3. If the vehicle has a parking brake (handbrake), which operates on the front wheels, repeat the process outlined in 1 above using this brake and keeping the “hold-on” button or trigger in the disengaged position the whole time.</p> <p><b>Testing the rear wheels</b></p> <p>Release the brakes and drive the vehicle forward until the rear wheels are in the rollers.</p> <p>Run them together as for the front wheels to align the vehicle.</p> <p>4. With one set of rollers revolving at a time, (see information column if ATL approved) gradually depress the service brake until maximum effort is achieved or until the wheel locks and slips on the rollers.</p> <p>Record the Maximum braking efforts and whether ‘lock-up’ occurs. Release the service brake.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont’d ↓</p>	<p>3.</p> <p>a. Little or no braking effort is recorded from the parking brake on any wheel, indicating clearly that the brake is not functioning correctly</p> <p>b. see Reason for Rejection 9.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>a. Little or no braking effort is recorded from the parking brake on any wheel, indicating clearly that the brake is not functioning correctly</p> <p>b. see Reason for Rejection 8.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cont’d ↓</p>