

IM 14 - SVA CATERHAM CARS - ISSUED 23/09/98

Please ensure this note is seen by all SVA Examiners.

A recent test on a Caterham 7 resulted in a fail due to the lack of evidence that the steering wheel/column gave equivalent protection to the driver to that of an approved component.

The steering wheel was padded over the "Boss" but did not incorporate a collapsible feature in the wheel or upper column.

Caterham Cars have a "Low Volume" approval for their Seven and Super Seven models where use is made of either Moto-lita, Mountney or Momo steering wheels that do not incorporate a collapsible feature. In respect of these vehicles only, due to the existence of the approval this situation will be considered acceptable.

In any other case, where a non approved steering wheel is fitted, it should be considered highly unlikely that the wheel/ column would provide equivalent protection to that of an approved component unless the wheel or upper column incorporate a collapsible feature.