

**SVA Testing Standards Enquiry****IM 13****REF No. 29****Details of Enquiry.**

Could you please clarify the minimum method acceptable in preventing a window opening beyond the extreme outer edge of the vehicle, ie with respect to a roll pin, a nut and bolt, a self tapping screw or a tie wrap? Would any or all of the examples be deemed to be of a temporary nature?

**Answer:**

All items listed have the potential to be a temporary fixing.

As within IM 13 note 4, rectification of the problem must be permanent, durable and of a kind which would normally be used by a major manufacturer.

A manufacturer is unlikely to fit an opening window and then fit something that would prevent it from being opened, however a device limiting the opening of the window is more likely.

As an example a latch mechanism that has limited travel due to the installation of a roll-pin would be considered a feasible option as would a suitable stop mechanism secured to the window structure, or the opening mechanism removed and the window glass fully bonded to the surround.

Conversely, self tapping screws or a nut and bolt or a cable tie holding the window closed would **not** in isolation be a feature considered to meet this criteria.

**If not already current practice, please ensure this criteria is applied from 1 July 2006. Please advise any current applicants that may be affected.**

Answer Given By: TSB

Date: April 2006

Further Action: