

Your Ref: TP/IP/29367/2019  
Our Ref : CI/TPD19011809/P

13<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**General Investigation Team**

Traffic Police Department  
Singapore Police Force  
10 Ubi Avenue 3  
Singapore 408865

**MECHANICAL INSPECTION REPORT OF MOTOR LORRY JTE 7648**

1. I refer to your request on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 to conduct a physical inspection of a motor Lorry bearing registration number JTE 7648 (herein referred to as "**Motor Lorry**"), which was involved in a fatal road traffic accident on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
2. The objective of this inspection is to determine if there was any possible mechanical failure to the Motor Lorry that may have contributed to the accident.
3. Following the request, I had carried out a physical inspection of the Motor Lorry on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at the premises of Traffic Police vehicle pound, 517 Airport Road Singapore 539942. I now set out below my observations and comments with respect to this inspection.

**General Condition**


4. The mileage of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection was 31,773km.
5. The Motor Lorry was observed to have sustained minor damages at its left portion at the time of my inspection. Its front bumper and left bed steps were damaged as a result of the accident.

**Tyres and Wheel Rims**

6. The 2 front tyres and 8 rear tyres of the Motor Lorry were observed to be in serviceable condition and sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. I did not find any tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the 10 tyres. The tyre brand, tyre size and remaining tread depth of the 10 tyres of the Motor Lorry were recorded as follows:-

Linglong 295/80/R22.5 (9mm)

Bridgestone 295/80/R22.5 (8.9mm)

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
— REAR —		— FRONT — 
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Linglong 295/80/R22.5 (7.7mm)

Bridgestone 295/80/R22.5 (8.4mm)

7. The 10 tyres were observed to be wrapped around standard steel wheel rims that were found to be without any damage. See photo 1 – 10 below.



**Photo 1** shows a general view of the instrument cluster of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The mileage of the Motor Lorry was 31,773km



**Photo 2** shows a general view of the front left body of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The Motor Lorry was observed to have sustained minor damages at its front portion. Its front bumper was damaged as a result of the accident at the time of my inspection.



**Photo 3** shows a close up view of the front body of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The Motor Lorry was observed to have sustained minor damages at its left portion at the time of my inspection. Its front bumper and left bed steps (arrowed) were damaged as a result of the accident.



**Photo 4** shows a general view of the right body of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The Motor Lorry was observed to be in good general condition and unaffected by the accident.



**Photo 5** shows a rear left view of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The Motor Lorry was observed to be in good general condition and unaffected to by the accident.





**Photo 6** shows a general view of the Motor Lorry's rear body at the time of my inspection. The Motor Lorry was observed to be in good general condition and unaffected to by the accident.



**Photo 7** shows the condition of the front right tyre of the Motor Lorry, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 8.4mm. The tyre, which was wrapped around standard steel wheel rim, was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. There was no tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the 10 tyres that were fitted on the Motor Lorry.



**Photo 8** shows the condition of the rear right tyre of the Motor Lorry, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 7.7mm. The tyre, which was wrapped around standard steel wheel rim, was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation.



**Photo 9** shows the condition of the rear left tyres of the Motor Lorry, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 9mm. The tyres, which were wrapped around standard steel wheel rim, were also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. There was also no damage found on all 8 steel wheel rims of the Motor Lorry.



**Photo 10** shows the condition of the front left tyres of the Motor Lorry, which were observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 8.9mm. There was also no tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the 8 tyres that were fitted on the Motor Lorry.

### Engine Compartment & Operating Fluids

8. Upon examination of the Motor Lorry's engine compartment, I had observed all the parts and components inside the engine compartment to be intact and unaffected by the accident. The brake fluid, engine oil, power steering fluid and engine coolant were all found to be of sufficient level for operating purposes. Visually, there was also no contamination found to these fluids.
9. Further examination of the engine compartment revealed, there was no sign(s) or indication(s) of fresh fluid leakage and/or fluid stain within the engine compartment of the Motor Lorry.
10. My subsequent checks on the underside of the Motor Lorry also revealed no fluid stain. Visually, the various undercarriage components of the Motor Lorry were all observed to be intact and without any visible damage. See photo 11 – 15 below.





**Photo 11** shows a general view of the Motor Lorry's engine compartment, which was accessed by lifting the front cabin of the Motor Lorry. The various parts and components inside the engine compartment were unaffected by the accident. There was also no sign(s) or indication(s) of fresh fluid leakage and/or fluid stain within the engine compartment



**Photo 12** shows the air in the air brake cylinder of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The air in the cylinder was observed to be of sufficient level & serviceable at the time of the accident.

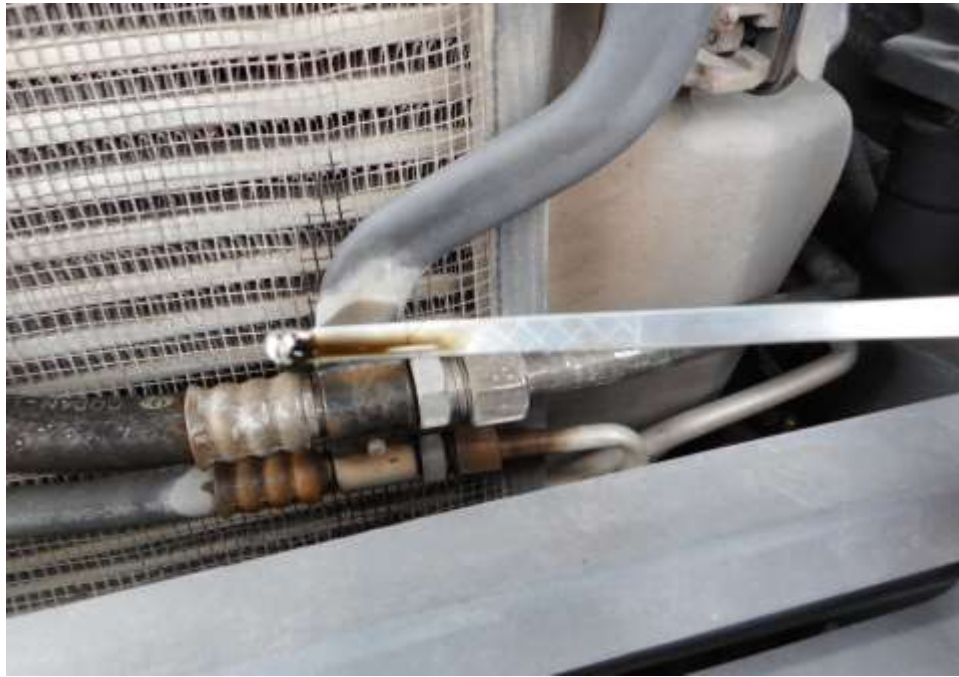




**Photo 13** shows the engine coolant reservoir of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The engine coolant was observed to be of sufficient level and without any visible contamination.



**Photo 14** shows the power steering fluid reservoir of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The power steering fluid was observed to be of sufficient level and without any visible contamination.



**Photo 15** shows the engine oil dip stick system of the Motor Lorry at the time of my inspection. The engine oil was observed to be of sufficient level without any visible contamination.

## Steering System & Braking System

11. Static brake tests conducted on the Motor Lorry revealed no abnormality. The air brake booster had responded well to the various tests conducted. There was also no abnormal movement of the brake pedal when it was depressed. In general, the static brake tests had suggested that there was no internal leakage of pressure/vacuum in the braking system of the Motor Lorry. The braking system of the Motor Lorry was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time. This was also taking into consideration that the brake fluid and air brake was of sufficient level and also that there was no sign(s) of air leakage and fluid along the brake hoses, brake pipes and air cylinders.
12. Static test on the steering system of the Motor Lorry also revealed no abnormality to the steering system. I did not experience any abnormal free play and/or other resistance when turning the steering wheel left and right to full lock positions. My visual examination of the various steering components which had included the rack and pinion, tie rods, tie rod ends and ball joints had revealed that these components were all generally in good condition. See photo 16 - 25 below.



**Photo 16** shows the brake pipe (arrowed) at the left and rear right wheel of the Motor Lorry. I did not observe any leakage of brake fluid at the time of my inspection of the Motor Lorry. My static tests of the Motor Lorry's braking system, along with my visual examination of the various mechanical components in the braking system, had indicated that there was no internal leakage of pressure/vacuum. Hence the braking system of the Motor Lorry was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.



**Photo 17** shows the brake pipe (arrowed) at the front right wheel of the Motor Lorry. I did not observe any leakage of brake fluid at the time of my inspection of the Motor Lorry. My static tests of the Motor Lorry's braking system, along with my visual examination of the various mechanical components in the braking system, had indicated that there was no internal leakage of pressure/vacuum. Hence the braking system of the Motor Lorry was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.





**Photo 18** shows the brake pipe (arrowed) at the front left wheel of the Motor Lorry. I did not observe any leakage of brake fluid at the time of my inspection of the Motor Lorry. My static tests of the Motor Lorry's braking system, along with my visual examination of the various mechanical components in the braking system had indicated that there was no internal leakage of pressure/vacuum. Hence the braking system of the Motor Lorry was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.



**Photo 19** shows the air brake cylinder (arrowed) at the undercarriage of the Motor Lorry. I did not observe any leakage of air brake fluid at the time of my inspection of the Motor Lorry. My static tests of the Motor Lorry's braking system, along with my visual examination of the various mechanical components in the braking system had indicated that there was no internal leakage of pressure/vacuum. Hence the braking system of the Motor Lorry was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.



**Photo 20** shows the various undercarriage components at the front right wheel of the Motor Lorry, in particular the steering tie rod end (arrowed). The various steering components were all found to be intact, suggesting that the steering system of the Motor Lorry was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident. There was also no sign of fluid stain(s) observed on the various undercarriage components.



**Photo 21** shows the various undercarriage components at the front left wheel of the Motor Lorry, in particular the steering tie rod end (arrowed). The various undercarriage components of the Motor Lorry were all found to be intact without any visible damage. There was also no sign of fluid stain(s) observed on the various undercarriage components.



**Photo 22** shows the steering box component (arrowed) at the undercarriage of the Motor Lorry was found to be intact without any visible damage. There was also no sign of fluid stain(s) observed on the various undercarriage components.



**Photo 23** shows the undercarriage of the Motor Lorry, at the area where the engine housing located. I did not find any sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leak and/or fluid stain(s) on the underside of the Motor Lorry.





**Photo 24** shows the front left wheel of the Motor Lorry turned to its full right. During my steering system test, I did not experience any abnormal free play and/or resistance when I had turned the steering wheel towards full left and full right. This would suggest that the steering system of the Motor Lorry was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.

### **Electronic Safety / Warning Indicators**

13. The Motor Lorry automatic self-test of the functionality of its electronic operating systems like the Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) during cranking of the engine had indicated that these systems were in working condition and without abnormality. See photo 25 & 26.



**Photo 25** shows the warning light for Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) appearing on the instrument panel of the Motor Lorry during the self-test of its various electronic operating systems when its engine was cranked.



**Photo 26** shows no warning lights illuminated on the instrument panel of the Motor Lorry after the engine was cranked. This would suggest that there was no abnormality to the various electronic operating systems of the Motor Lorry, like the ABS

### **Operational Behaviour of the Motor Lorry**

14. A short operational test to the Motor Lorry, to primarily determine whether there was any abnormality to its various operating systems like its engine system, its transmission system, steering system and braking system was subsequently carried out. The test was conducted by driving the Motor Lorry forward, stopping, before reversing and coming to a stop again.
15. During the operational test, the various transmission gears of the Motor Lorry were able to be engaged without any difficulty by stepping on the clutch pedal and manually shifting the gear lever. There were no abnormal sounds heard and/or abnormal behaviour of the Motor Lorry's engine system. It was able to move forward and backward normally. The braking system was also found to be in working condition as the Motor Lorry was able to slow down and come to a complete stop upon depressing of the brake pedal. Refer to photo 2 and 24.

### **Conclusion**

16. From my physical inspection of the Motor Lorry, it appears that its engine system, steering system, braking system and transmission system were all in serviceable condition. I did not find any evidence(s) to suggest that there was possible mechanical failure to the Motor Lorry that may have caused and/or contributed to the accident. This is also taking into consideration that the operational test of the Motor Lorry, which I had conducted, did not produce any sign(s) or symptom(s) to suggest that there was any abnormality to its various operating systems.



17. The 2 front tyres and 8 rear tyres fitted on the Motor Lorry were also found to be in serviceable condition. I did not find any tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the 10 tyres. The 10 tyres were also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation with remaining tread depth of approximately 7.7mm – 9mm.

**Sherwin Beh**

*Technical Investigator*

**Ang Bryan Tani**

*AMSOE, AMIRTE, AFF SAE, M.MATAI, AFF.Inst.AEA*

*Senior Technical Investigator*

*Technical Investigation & Reconstructionist (SAE-A)*

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY TO THIRD PARTIES: - This Report is made solely for the use and benefit of the Client named on the front page of this Report. No liability or responsibility whatsoever, in contract or tort, is accepted to any third party who may rely on the Report wholly or in part. Any third party acting or relying on this Report, in whole or in part, does so at his or her own risk.