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#### **MECHANICAL INSPECTION REPORT OF MOTOR CAR SLL 705U**

- 1. I refer to your request on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to conduct a physical inspection of a Motor Car bearing registration number SLL 705U (herein referred to as "**Motor Car**"), which was involved in a road traffic accident.
- 2. The objective of this inspection is to determine if there was any possible mechanical failure to the Motor Car that may have contributed to the accident.
- 3. Following the request, I had carried out a physical inspection of the Motor Car on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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 Car at the time of my inspection was not recorded as the engine of the Motor Car was unable to be started up despite multiple attempts in jumpstarting it.
- 5. The Motor car was observed to have sustained damage at its front and rear portion. Its front bonnet, front right fender, front bumper, front right headlamp, rear right brake lamp and rear bumper was amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.

# **Tyres and Wheel Rims**

6. The condition of the Motor Car's 3 tyres was observed to be in serviceable condition. The 3 tyres were also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. However the rear right tyre was observed to be deflated likely due to the result of the accident. 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 4 tyres. The tyre brand, tyre size and remaining tread depth of the 4 tyres were recorded as follows:-



Habilead 205/55 R16 (4.4mm)	Habilead 205/55 R16 (3.2mm)
— REAR ———	— FRONT
Achilles 205/55 R16 (4.4mm) (Deflated)	Habilead 205/55 R16 (4mm)

7. The 4 tyres were observed to be wrapped around standard alloy wheel rims that were found to be without any damage. See photo 1 – 11 below.



**Photo 1** shows a general view of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to have sustained damage at its front and rear portion. Its front bonnet, front right fender, front bumper, front right headlamp, rear right brake lamp and rear bumper was amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.



**Photo 2** shows a close up view of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to have sustained damage at its front portion. Its front bonnet (red arrow) and front right fender (red arrow) was amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.



**Photo 3** shows a close up view of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to have sustained damage at its front portion. Its front bumper (red arrow) and front right headlamp (yellow arrow) was amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.



**Photo 4** shows a general view of the rear body of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to be sustained damage at its rear right brake lamp and rear bumper as a result of the accident



**Photo 5** shows a close up view of the rear body of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to be sustained damage at its rear right brake lamp (yellow arrow) and rear bumper (red arrow) as a result of the accident



**Photo 6** shows a general view of the right body of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to be intact and unaffected by the accident.



**Photo 7** shows a general view of the left body of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to be intact and unaffected by the accident.



**Photo 8** shows the condition of the front right tyre of the Motor Car, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 4mm. The tyre, which was wrapped around standard alloy 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 4 tyres that were fitted on the Motor Car.



**Photo 9** shows the condition of the rear right tyre of the Motor Car, which was observed to be deflated likely due to the result of the accident. The remaining tread depth was of approximately 4.4mm. There was no tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the tyre that were fitted on the Motor Car.



**Photo 10** shows the condition of the rear left tyres of the Motor Car, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 4.4mm. The tyres, which were wrapped around standard alloy wheel rim, were also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation. There was also no damage found on all 4 alloy wheel rims of the Motor Car.

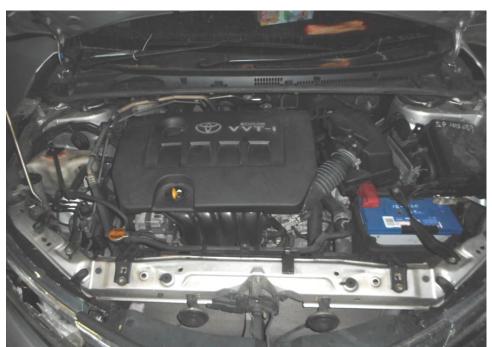


**Photo 11** shows the condition of the rear right tyres of the Motor Car, which were observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining, tread depth of approximately 3.2mm. There was also no tear, cut or burst mark(s) on the outer and the inner sidewalls as well as across the tread of the 4 tyres that were fitted on the Motor Car.



### **Engine Compartment & Operating Fluids**

- 8. Upon examination of the Motor Car'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 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 Car.
- 10. My subsequent checks on the underside of the Motor Car also revealed no fluid stain. Visually, the various undercarriage components of the Motor Car were all observed to be intact and without any visible damage. See photo 12 16 below.



**Photo 12** shows a general view of the Motor Car's engine compartment, which was accessed by lifting the front cabin of the Motor Car. 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 13** shows the brake fluid reservoir of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The brake fluid was observed to be of sufficient level (arrowed) and without any visible contamination.



**Photo 14** shows the engine coolant reservoir of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection. The engine coolant was observed to be of sufficient level (arrowed) and without any visible contamination.



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



**Photo 16** shows the undercarriage of the Motor Car, at the area where the engine housing and transmission housing are 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 Car.



11. However the Motor car's engine was not able to be started up despite multiple attempts of jumpstarting it. See photo 17 below.



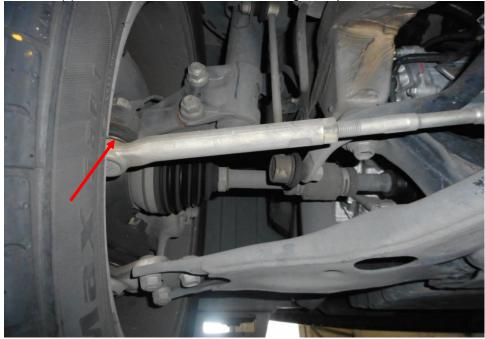
**Photo 17** shows the jumpstarting of the Motor Car's engine, it was not able to be started up despite multiple attempts in jump starting the engine.

### Steering System & Braking System

- 12. For this inspection, I was not able to conduct any tests on the steering system of the Motor Car due to the Motor Car running on electric power steering (EPS) which requires the Motor Car to be started up (Engine unable to be started up)
- 13. Static brake tests conducted on the Motor Car revealed no abnormality. The 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 Car.
- 14. My visual examination of the various steering and braking components which had included the rack and pinion, tie rods, tie rod ends and ball joints, brake hoses and brake pipes had revealed that these components were all generally intact. See photo 18 23 below.



**Photo 18** shows the various undercarriage components at the front right wheel of the Motor Car, in particular the steering tie rod end (red arrow) and drive shaft (yellow arrow). The various steering components were all found to be intact, suggesting that the steering system of the Motor Car 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.



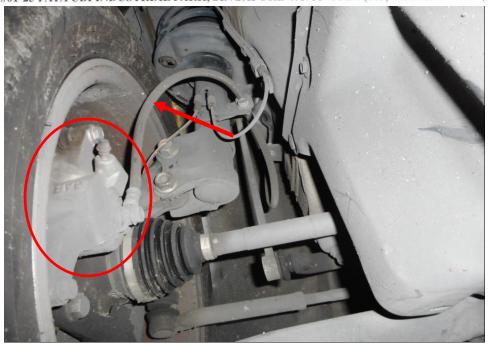
**Photo 19** shows the various undercarriage components at the front left wheel of the Motor Car, in particular the steering tie rod end (arrowed). The various Undercarriage components of the Motor Car were all found to be intact without any visible damage. There was also no sign of fluid stain(s) observed on the various undercarriage components.



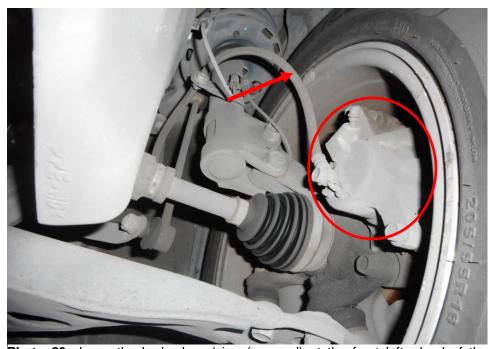
**Photo 20** shows the brake pipe (arrowed) at the rear right wheel of the Motor Car. I did not observe any leakage of brake fluid at the time of my inspection of the Motor Car. My static tests of the Motor Car's braking system, along with my visual examination of the various mechanical components in the braking system, had indicated that there was no internal leakage of pressure/vacuum. Hence the braking system of the Motor Car was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.



**Photo 21** shows the brake pipe (arrowed) at the rear left wheel of the Motor Car. I did not observe any leakage of brake fluid at the time of my inspection of the Motor Car. My static tests of the Motor Car'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 Car was likely to be in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.



**Photo 22** shows the brake hose/pipe (arrowed) at the front right wheel of the Motor Car. No leakage of brake fluid was observed. Visual examination of the various components of the braking system like the brake caliper (circled), brake booster, brake pedal etc had revealed all to be intact and without visible damage at the time of accident. There was also no sign of fluid stain(s) observed on the various undercarriage components.



**Photo 23** shows the brake hose/pipe (arrowed) at the front left wheel of the Motor Car. No leakage of brake fluid was observed. Visual examination of the various components of the braking system like the brake caliper (circled), brake booster, brake pedal etc had revealed all to be intact and without visible damage at the time of accident. There was also no sign of fluid stain(s) observed on the various undercarriage components.

15. Static steering were not conducted on the Motor Car due to the damages that cause the engine unable to be started up. However static brake tests able to be conducted and In general our visual inspection of the mechanical components of the Motor Car's braking system appear to suggest that its braking system was in serviceable condition at the material time of accident.

## **Electronic Safety / Warning Indicators**

16. The Motor Car's automatic self-test of the functionality of its various electronic operating systems was not able to be conducted as the engine of the Motor Car was unable to be started up.

#### **Seat Belts**

17. The Front right, front left, rear right and rear left seat belts of the "Motor Car" were tested and all the seat belts were able to be fastened securely into the respective pre-tensioners that were fitted at the sides of each seat.

## **Operational Behaviour of the Motor Car**

18. Operational test to primarily determine whether there was any abnormality to the engine system, transmission system and braking system of the Motor Car could not be conducted given (The engine of the Motor Car was unable to be started up despite multiple starting attempts).

#### Conclusion

- 19. For this particular case, I was unable to determine whether there was any possible mechanical failure to the Motor Car that may have contributed to the accident. The extent of damage that it had sustained had prevented me from carrying out any operational test(s) and/or static test(s) to its engine system, transmission system, steering system and suspension system.
- 20. However static brake tests was able to be conducted and In general our visual inspection of the mechanical components of the Motor Car's braking system appear to suggest that its braking system was in serviceable condition at the material time of accident and there was no leakage found at the braking components of the Motor Car.



21. The 3 tyres of the Motor Car were also found to be in serviceable condition and were observed to be 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 4 tyres. However, the rear right tyre was observed to deflated likely due to the result of the accident. All tyres with remaining tread depth of approximately 3.2mm to 4.4mm.

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