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# **General Investigation Team**

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#### **MECHANICAL INSPECTION REPORT OF MOTOR CAR SMN 5166U**

- I refer to your request on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to conduct a physical inspection of a Motor Car bearing registration number SMN 5166U (herein referred to as "Motor Car"), which was involved in a road traffic accident on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
- 2. The objective of the 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 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.

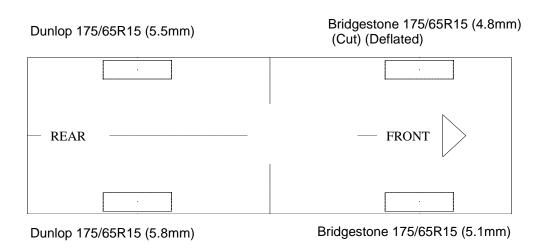
### **General Condition**

- 4. The mileage of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection was not recorded as it was not started up. (Unsafe to start up)
- 5. The Motor Car was observed to have sustained damage at its front portion. Its front windscreen, front bumper and front right fender were amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident. The Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) was activated as a result of the accident.



# **Tyres and Wheel Rims**

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



7. The front right tyre and rims was observed to be damaged as a result of the accident. However the other 3 tyres were observed to be wrapped around standard steel wheel rims that were found to be damage as a result of the accident. See photo 1 – 13 below.



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



**Photo 2** shows the close up view of the Motor Car's front body at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to have sustained damage at its front portion. Its front windscreen (circled) were amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.



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



**Photo 4** shows a general view of the Motor Car's front body at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to have sustained damage at its front portion. Its front right fender were amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.



**Photo 5** shows a general view of the Motor Car's front body at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car was observed to have sustained damage at its front portion. Its front right fender (circled) were amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.



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



**Photo 7** shows the general view of the Motor Car's rear body at the time of my inspection. The Motor Car rear was observed to be unaffected by the accident.



**Photo 8** shows the condition of the front right tyre of the Motor Car, which was observed to be unserviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 5.1mm. The tyre was observed with cut mark(s) on the outer sidewalls and there was damage observed on the wheel rims as a result of the accident.



**Photo 9** shows the close up view of the condition of the front right tyre of the Motor Car, which was observed to be unserviceable condition. The tyre was observed with cut mark(s) on the outer sidewalls and there was damage observed on the wheel rims (circled) as a result of the accident.



**Photo 10** shows the condition of the rear right tyre of the Motor Car, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 5.8mm. The tyre was observed with cut marks and wheel rim damage as a result of the accident, however it was observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation



**Photo 11** shows the condition of the rear left tyre of the Motor Car, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 5.5mm. The tyre was observed with cut marks and wheel rim damage as a result of the accident, however it was observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation



**Photo 12** shows the condition of the front left tyre of the Motor Car, which was observed to be in serviceable condition with remaining tread depth of approximately 4.8mm. The tyre was observed with cut marks and wheel rim damage as a result of the accident, however it was observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation





**Photo 13** shows the deployment of the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) airbag in the Motor Car as a result of the accident.

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

- 8. Upon examination of the engine compartment of the Motor Car, I had observed all the parts and components inside the engine compartment to be intact and unaffected by the accident. The brake 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. 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.
- 10. Further examination of the engine compartment revealed no sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leakage and/or fluid stain within the engine compartment of the Motor Car.
- 11. My subsequent checks on the underside of the Motor Car also revealed no sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leak and/or fluid stain(s). Visually, the various undercarriage components of the Motor Car were all observed to be intact and without any visible damage. See photo 14 16 below.





**Photo 13** shows a general view of the Motor Car's engine compartment. The various parts and components inside the engine compartment were unaffected by the accident. There was also no sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leakage and/or fluid stain within the engine compartment.



**Photo 14** 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 15** shows checks being carried out to the engine coolant 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 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.



# **Braking System & Steering System**

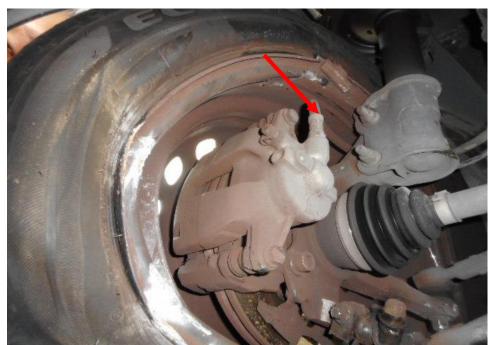
- 12. Static brake tests conducted on the Motor Car revealed no abnormality. The brake booster had responded well to the various tests conducted. There was also no abnormal movement of the brake pedal when it was depressed. In general, that the brake fluid was of sufficient level, and also that there was no sign(s) of brake fluid leakage along the brake hoses and brake pipes.
- 13. Static test on the steering system of the Motor Car was not conducted as the vehicle was not started up. However, my visual examination of the other various steering components which had included the steering rack and pinion, the right tie rod ends and ball joints revealed that these components were all generally in good condition. See photo 17 22 below.



**Photo 17** shows the brake hose/pipe (arrowed) at the rear 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 drum brake, brake booster, brake pedal etc. had revealed all to be intact and without visible damage.



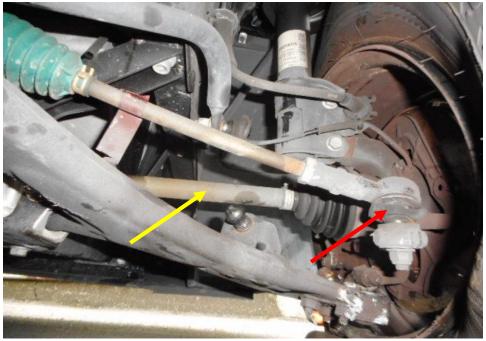
**Photo 18** shows the brake hose/pipe (arrowed) at the rear left wheel of the Motor Car. I did not observe any leakage of brake fluid at the time of my inspection of the Motor Car. The undercarriage components of the Motor Car were also all found to be intact and without any visible damage.



**Photo 19** shows the brake hose/pipe (arrowed) at the front 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. The undercarriage components of the Motor Car were also all found to be intact and without any visible damage.



**Photo 20** 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.



**Photo 21** shows the various undercarriage components at the front right wheel of the Motor Car, in particular the steering tie rod (red arrow) and its driveshaft (yellow arrow). The various steering components were all found to be intact. There was also no sign of fluid stain observed on the various undercarriage components at the front right wheel of the Motor Car.



**Photo 22** shows the various undercarriage components at the front left wheel of the Motor Car, in particular the steering tie rod (red arrow). The various steering components were all found to be intact. There was also no sign of fluid stain observed on the various undercarriage components at the front right wheel of the Motor Car.

## **Electronic Safety / Warning Indicators**

14. The Motor Car's automatic self-test of the functionality of its electronic operating systems was not conducted as it was not started up. (Unsafe to start up)

### **Seat Belts**

15. The front right seat belt of the "Motor Car" was worn at the material time of accident as the respective pre-tensioners that were fitted at the side of each seat was activated upon the material time. And the front left seat belt were tested and were able to be fastened securely into the respective pre-tensioners that were fitted at the sides of each seat. See photo 23 and 24 below.



**Photo 23** shows that the seat belt on the right seat was worn at the material time of accident as the safety pre-tensioners was activated at the moment of impact and caused the seat belt to be locked into the last position.



**Photo 24** shows that the seat belt on the left seat tested and 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**

16. An operational test by driving the Motor Car to primarily determine whether there was any abnormality to the engine system, transmission system and braking system of the Motor Car was not conducted given the extent of damage that it had sustained to its front right tyre, rims and its was unsafe to start up had prevented me from carrying out any operational test(s).

#### Conclusion

- 17. 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).
- 18. However, our visual inspection of the mechanical components of the Motor Car's braking and steering system appear to suggest that its braking and steering system, these components were all generally intact and unaffected by the accident and there was no leakage found at the braking and steering components of the Motor Car.
- 19. The front right tyre and rim of the Motor Car were found to be damaged as a result of the accident. However, the other 3 tyres were found to be serviceable condition as 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 3 tyres. The 4 tyres were also observed with remaining tread depth of approximately 4.8mm to 5.8mm.

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