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MECHANICAL INSPECTION REPORT OF MOTOR CAR SJJ 1297H

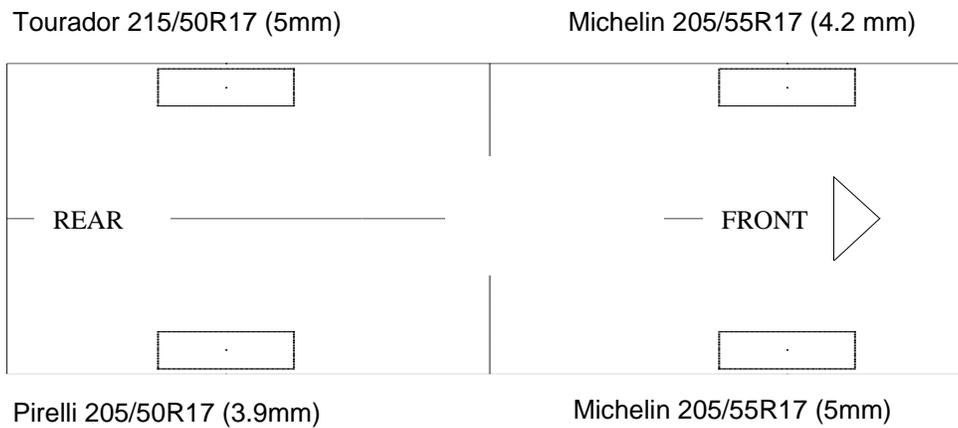
1. I refer to your request on 10th June 2023 to conduct a physical inspection of a Motor car bearing registration number SJJ 1297H (herein referred to as "**Motor Car**"), which was involved in a road traffic accident on 4th January 2023.
2. The objective of the inspection is to determine if there was 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 24th July 2023 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 was not recorded as the bonnet of the Motor Car damaged as a result of the accident and the access to the battery to jumpstart the Motor Car was block due to the result of the accident.
5. The Motor car was observed to have sustained damage all around. Its front bonnet, front bumper, front right fender, front right headlamp and front grille was amongst the body parts that were damaged as a result of the accident.

Tyres and Wheel Rims

6. The 4 tyres of the Motor Car 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 4 tyres. The tyre brand, tyre size and remaining tread depth of the 4 tyres of the Motor Car were recorded as follows:-



7. The 4 tyres were observed to be wrapped around alloy wheel rims that were found to be without any damage. See photo 1 – 12 below.



Photo 1 shows a general view of the Motor Car's rear body at the time of my inspection. The rear portion of the Motor Car was observed to have been undamaged by the accident.

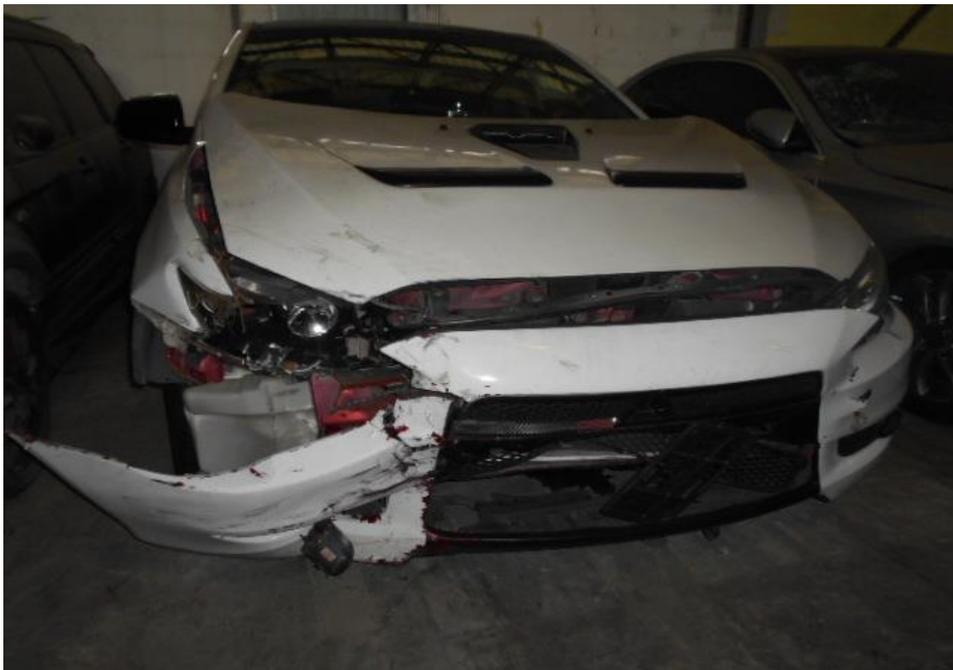


Photo 2 shows the close up view of the Motor Car's front body at the time of my inspection. The Motor car was observed to have sustained damage at its front portion. Its front bonnet, front bumper, front grille, front right fender and front right head lamp was damaged as a result of the accident.



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 bonnet (circled) was damaged as a result of the accident.



Photo 4 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) and its front right headlamp (arrowed) was damaged as a result of the accident.



Photo 5 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 right fender (circled) was amongst the body part damaged as a result of the accident.



Photo 6 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 grille (circled) was amongst the body part damaged as a result of the accident.



Photo 7 shows a general view of the Motor Car's right body at the time of my inspection. The Motor car was observed to have been undamaged by the accident.



Photo 8 shows a general view of the Motor Car's left body at the time of my inspection. The Motor car was observed to have been undamaged by the accident.



Photo 9 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 6mm. The tyre, which was wrapped around alloy wheel rim, was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation.



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 3.9mm. The tyre was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation with no tear, cut or burst mark(s).



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 5mm. The tyre was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation with no tear, cut or burst mark(s).



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 4.2mm. The tyre was also observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation with no tear, cut or burst mark(s).

Engine Compartment & Operating Fluids

8. We were unable to raise the front bonnet of the Motor car to conduct the examination of the Motor Car's engine compartment because the damage caused by the accident had resulted in the damages to the lock mechanism of the bonnet and the structure of the engine compartment. (Unable to open).
9. My subsequent checks on the underside of the Motor Car revealed sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leak and/or fluid stain(s). See photo 13 and 14 below.



Photo 13 shows the close up view of the damaged front bonnet lock mechanism (arrowed) and the structure of the engine compartment of the Motor Car at the time of my inspection resulting it unable to open a result of the accident. (Unable to open)



Photo 14 shows the undercarriage of the Motor Car, at the area where the engine housing and transmission housing is located. I did not find any sign(s) or indication(s) of fluid leak, however old fluid stain(s) was observed on the underside of the Motor Car.

Braking System & Steering System

10. For this inspection, I was not able to conduct any static brake and steering tests on the steering and braking system of the Motor Car due to the Motor Car running on electric power steering (EPS) and braking system which requires the Motor Car to be started as the access to the battery is blocked as a result of the accident. (Unable to be started)

11. 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 all the braking and steering components to be intact and in serviceable condition. See photo 15 - 20 below.

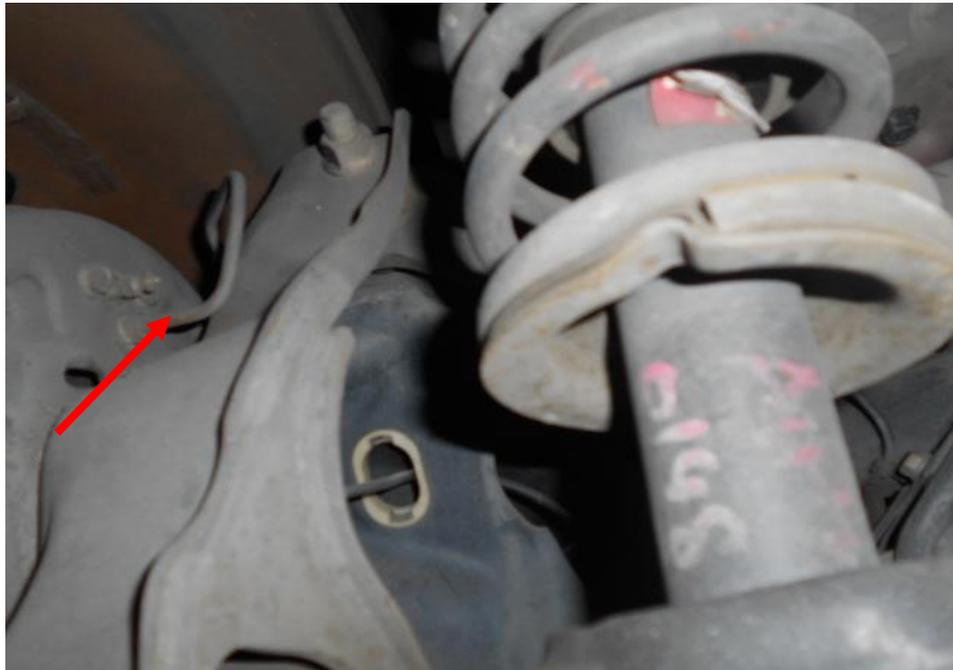


Photo 15 shows the brake hose/pipe (arrowed) at the rear left wheel of the Motor Car. No leakage of brake fluid was observed. Visual examination of the various components of the braking system like the brake drum to be intact and without visible damage.



Photo 16 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 brake drum to be intact and without visible damage.



Photo 17 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. Visual examination of the various components of the braking system the brake caliper (circled) to be intact and without visible damage.

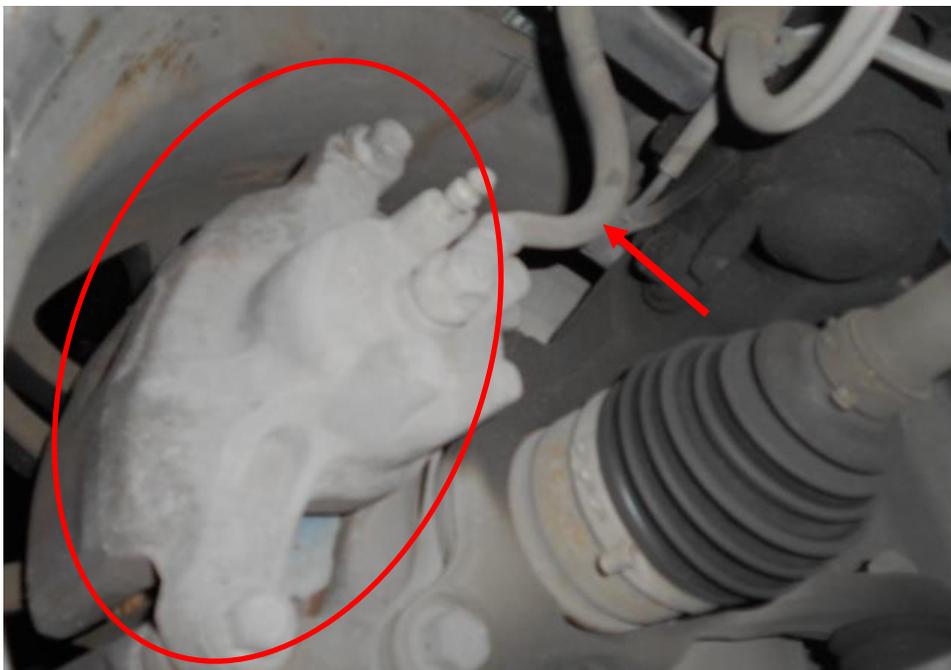


Photo 18 shows the brake hose/pipe (arrowed) at the front left wheel of the Motor Car. No leakage of brake fluid was observed. Visual examination of the various components of the braking system like the brake caliper (circled) had revealed to be intact and without visible damage.

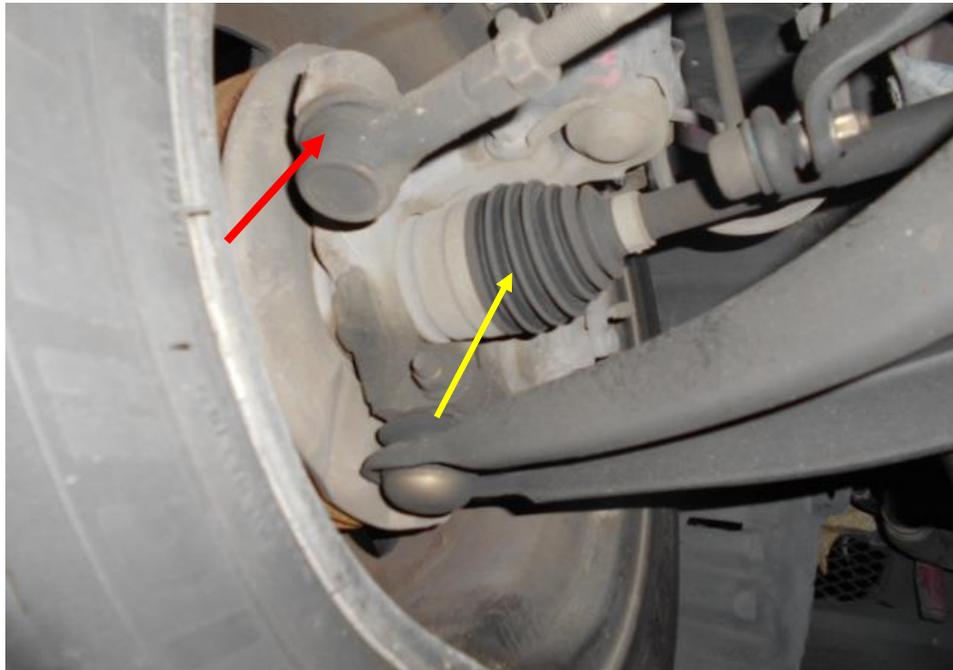


Photo 19 shows the various undercarriage components at the front right wheel of the Motor Car, in particular the steering tie rod (red arrow) and the driveshaft (yellow arrow). The various steering components were all found to be intact. There was also no sign of fluid stain observed on the various undercarriage components at the front right wheel of the Motor Car.



Photo 20 shows the various undercarriage components at the front left wheel of the Motor Car, in particular the steering tie rod end (arrowed) and the driveshaft (yellow arrow). The various steering components were all found to be intact. There was also no signs of fluid stain observed on the various undercarriage components at the front left wheel of the Motor Car.

Electronic Safety / Warning Indicators

12. 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 was not started up as the access to the battery was blocked. (Unable to be started).

Operational Behaviour of the Motor Car

13. 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 was unable to be started.

Conclusion

14. 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, braking system, transmission system, steering system and suspension system.

15. The 4 tyres of the Motor Car 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 4 tyres. The 4 tyres were observed to be sufficiently inflated for vehicular operation with remaining tread depth of approximately 3.9mm to 5mm.



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