



SUBJECT: Booster Axle Controls on Ready-Mix Concrete Trucks

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PURPOSE OF CIRCULAR

To confirm that the *Commercial Transport Regulation* requires that the control for varying the weight on an axle or group of axles (the booster axle control) must be located on the outside of ready-mix concrete trucks, and that the on/off switch for the control may be located inside of the cab.

BACKGROUND

Ready-mix concrete trucks are generally equipped with the manual booster axle control on the outside of the vehicle. The on/off switch for the booster is generally located inside the cab.

Subsection 7.11(1)(b) of the *Commercial Transport Regulation*, reads, in part:

(1) A person must not, without a permit, drive or operate on a highway a vehicle or a combination of vehicles in which a control is provided for varying the weight on an axle or group of axles, unless ...

(b) the vehicle is a ready mix concrete truck and the control is manually operated and located outside the driver compartment and immediately adjacent to the axle or group of axles being affected...

The term “control” in s. 7.11(1)(b) means the control for varying the booster axle pressure, also known as the “booster axle control”. This control must be manually operated and must be located on the outside of the driver compartment in an area free of debris. The on/off switch for the control may be located inside the driver compartment.

Operators of these vehicles are reminded that, in all cases, **extreme care** must be taken to ensure that the area to the immediate rear of the vehicle is clear before lowering the booster axle unit.

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Yours truly,

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