



THE UNITED KINGDOM VEHICLE APPROVAL AUTHORITY

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING APPROVAL EXTENDED OF A TYPE OF MECHANICAL
COUPLING DEVICE OR COMPONENT, PURSUANT TO REGULATION NO 55.01



Approval No: E11*55R01/09*6804*04

1. Trade name or mark of the device or component: VBG
2. Type of device or component:
7310 D
3. Manufacturer's name and address:
VBG Group AB
Herman Kreftings gata 4
S-46228 Vänersborg
Sweden
4. If applicable, name and address of the manufacturer's representative:
Not applicable
5. Alternative supplier's names or trademarks applied to the device or component:
Not applicable
6. Name and address of company or body taking responsibility for the conformity of production:
Same as 3.
7. Submitted for approval on: As before and 27 October 2021

8. Technical service responsible for conducting approval tests: TÜV SÜD Auto Service GmbH

9. Brief description: Non-standard miscellaneous mechanical coupling device (drawbar coupling drawbar coupling clevis type)

9.1. Type and class of device or component: 7310 D, S

9.2. Characteristic values:

9.2.1. Primary values:

D 310 kN

D_c kN

S kg

U tonnes

V kN

Alternative values:

D kN

D_c kN

S kg

U tonnes

V kN

9.3. For Class A mechanical coupling devices or components, including towing brackets: Not applicable

Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible vehicle mass: kg

Distribution of maximum permissible vehicle mass between the axles:

Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible towable trailer mass: kg

Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible static mass on coupling ball: kg

Maximum mass of the vehicle, with bodywork, in running order, including coolant, oils, fuel, tools and spare wheel (if supplied) but not including driver: kg

Loading condition under which the tow ball height of a mechanical coupling device fitted to category M1 ⁽¹⁾ vehicles is to be measured -see paragraph 2 of Annex 7, Appendix 1:

- 9.4. For class B coupling heads, is the coupling head intended to be fitted to an unbraked O₁ trailer:
Not applicable
10. Instructions for the attachment of the coupling device or component type to the vehicle and photographs or drawings of the mounting points (see Annex 2, Appendix 1) given by the vehicle manufacturer: See manufacturers document, mounting instruction
11. Information on the fitting of any special reinforcing brackets or plates or spacing components necessary for the attachment of the coupling device or component (see Annex 2, Appendix 1):
Not applicable
12. Additional information where the use of the coupling device or component is restricted to special types of vehicles - see Annex 5, paragraph 3.4.: Not applicable
13. For Class K hook type couplings, details of the drawbar eyes suitable for use with the particular hook type: Not applicable
14. Date of test report: As before and 27 October 2021
15. Number of test report: 09-00499-CX-GBM up to and including extension 04
16. Approval mark position: Type plate on the right side of the coupling mechanism
17. Reason(s) for extension of approval:
Regression of approval to an earlier series of amendments – R55.01 supplement 09
18. Approval EXTENDED

19. Place: BRISTOL

20. Date: 11 DECEMBER 2021

21. Signature:



C McCABE
Chief Technical and Statutory Operations Officer

22. The list of documents deposited with the Type Approval Authority which has granted approval is annexed to this communication and may be obtained on request.

Any remarks: None

(1) As defined in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3.), document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.3, para. 2 - www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29resolutions.html.



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relating to the UNECE type-approval as a component of mechanical coupling devices
for motor vehicles and their trailers (R55).

0. GENERAL

- 0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer): VBG
- 0.2. Type and commercial description(s): 7310 D
versions: 7310 D / 7310D-2 / 7310D-3
(standard manual)
7310 D PA / 7310D-2 PA / 7310D-3 PA
(with air actuator)
7310 D AM / 7310D-2 AM / 7310D-3 AM
(air mechanism)
- 0.5 Name and address of manufacturer: VBG GROUP AB
Herman Kreftings gata 4
S-46228 Vänersborg
Sweden

- 0.7. Location and method of affixing of the ECE approval mark:

Type plate on the right side of the coupling mechanism.

- 0.8 Address(es) of assembly plant(s): VBG GROUP TRUCK EQUIPMENT AB,
Tenggrenstorpsvägen 11
SE-46228 Vänersborg,
Sweden

1. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DRAWING VEHICLES AND TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS

- 1.1. Detailed technical description (including drawings and material specifications) of the type of the mechanical coupling device:

Automatic rubber buffered drawbar coupling intended for 57 mm
drawbar eye , Class S
Overall dimensions: See enclosed information drawings.
Drawings and material specifications: See enclosed list.

- 1.2. Class and type of coupling device(s):

Class S, miscellaneous coupling device (drawbar coupling type)

- 1.3. Maximum D-value: 310 kN
Dc-value: -----

- 1.4. Maximum vertical load S at the coupling point: Not applicable

- 1.5. Maximum load U at the fifth wheel coupling: Not applicable

- 1.6. Maximum V-value: Not applicable

- 1.7. Instructions for attachment of the coupling type to the vehicle, additional information regarding restrictions of use to special types of vehicles:

See enclosed mounting instructions.

- 1.8. Information on the fitting of special towing brackets or mounting plates:
Not applicable