

PAS 2012 Technical Interpretation		Interpretation number	009
Title	Witnessing of WTORS testing		
PAS Version	2012 : 2015		
Clause(s)	6.1		
Enquiry	<p>The current PAS Implementation Manual requires all WTORS anchorages tests to be witnessed and all tests on WTORS anchorages and WTORS for any wheelchair position suitable for a wheelchair weighing more than 85kg, to be witnessed. If WTORS anchorages have been in-vehicle tested (and witnessed) to a load in excess of 85kg and the WAV manufacturer wishes to fit a different WTORS rated to a lower load than that to which the anchorages have already been tested, on the same anchorages, can the new WTORS be tested out-of-vehicle to vehicle geometry (as required under Clause 6.1.3), unwitnessed?</p>		
Decision	<p>Yes. Provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the anchorages were originally tested in-vehicle to a higher load (e.g. 200kg) AND (ii) those anchorages remain identical AND (iii) the out-of-vehicle test on the new WTORS to vehicle geometry is carried out by a VCA-appraised test facility for WTORS testing. 		
Rationale	<p>For a wheelchair position suitable for carrying a wheelchair up to 85kg, there is no requirement for the WTORS tests to be witnessed. It therefore seems reasonable to apply the same concession to WTORS for wheelchair in excess of 85kg, subject to the conditions above.</p>		
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