

PAS 2012 Technical Interpretation		Interpretation number	024
Title	ISOFIX anchorages removed and base vehicle handbook amendment		
PAS Version	2012-1 : 2019 and 2012-1 : 2015		
Clause(s)	4.5.3 b)	Seats, fittings, fuel tanks and trim	
Enquiry	Clause 4.5.3 b) requires that in the case of modified or added ISOFIX anchorages, a note is to be fixed in the base vehicle handbook amending any pages relating to the ISOFIX fittings. However, it does not cover the situation where a base vehicle's seat, equipped with ISOFIX anchorages, is removed completely. Is it still necessary to amend the base vehicle's handbook in this situation?		
Decision	<p><i>No, the information must still be provided, but with more flexibility over where it appears.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where a base vehicle seat, with or without integrated ISOFIX anchorages, is completely removed and is not replaced by any other seat in that row, no amendment to the base vehicle handbook or additional information in the WAV user manual is required. • Where a base vehicle seat, with or without integrated ISOFIX anchorages, is replaced by one or more different seats as part of the conversion, (with or without ISOFIX anchorages), the WAV manufacturer now has the option to <i>either</i> fix a note in the base vehicle handbook (as currently required under 4.5.3 b) <i>or</i> to provide the same information in the WAV's user manual, which will contain any required instructions under Paragraph 7.4 f) of PAS 2012 – 1 in any case. 		
Rationale	<p>In a situation where a base vehicle seat with integrated ISOFIX anchorages is completely removed and is not replaced by any other seat in that row, there is obviously no chance of misuse of those ISOFIX anchorages as they are no longer present, and there seems little point in amending the base vehicle's handbook. In cases where the seating in the corresponding row of the WAV differs, the intention is to prevent potentially dangerous misuse situation. In any case, the increasing use of "electronic" handbooks by the base vehicle manufacturer makes it much more difficult to make amendments to it, and this is expected to become the norm for more base vehicles in the future, so the emphasis in future revisions of PAS 2012 is likely to move towards ensuring that the information is provided in the user manual for the converted vehicle.</p> <p>Appropriate changes will be made to the text of PAS 2012 at the next review towards the end of 2022</p>		
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