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**SERIES 78 & 79 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER LIGHT TANKERS – HANDBRAKE ADJUSTMENT**

FESA recently had cause to examine the handbrake systems on Light Tankers (based on Toyota LandCruiser 78 & 79 series cab chassis). It has been established that regular and frequent checking of the handbrake adjustment is necessary to ensure the system is operating at an optimum level.

The test procedure involves applying the handbrake and monitoring the number of clicks before the handbrake is applied fully. Full application of the handbrake should take from 7 to 9 “clicks”. Should full application of the handbrake require more than this amount it is likely an adjustment is required and the Light Tanker should be taken to the Brigade or Unit service provider to have the handbrake checked and adjusted.

FESA has been given permission by Toyota Western Australia to provide a copy of the recommended handbrake adjustment procedures to all FESA service providers responsible for the servicing and maintenance of FESA vehicles. The process undertaken to achieve effective handbrake adjustment is extracted from Toyota Motor Corporations Repair Manual.

All Brigades and Units are required to ensure that this testing is instituted immediately and where necessary, remedial work is undertaken as soon as practicable.

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