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# Braking Systems Compliance and Testing

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# Items to be covered

## Regulatory Requirements

- Brake system functions
- Initial model verification
- Pre-use testing

## Design Validation Testing

- Underground Rubber Tired Vehicles
- Surface Rubber Tired Vehicles
- Crawler Tracked Vehicles – Surface and Underground

## Pre-use Testing Options

- Static and Dynamic Testing Options
- Establishing Proper Pre-tests

# Regulatory Requirements

# Regulatory Overview

## Ontario Regulation 854 (s119)

- *(2) The brake system on a motor vehicle that is operated on a grade, slope or ramp shall be able to perform the individual system function requirements of,*
  - *(a) a service brake system;*
  - *(b) an emergency brake system; and*
  - *(c) a parking brake system.*
- *4) Any combination of the system function requirements described in clauses (2)(a), (b) and (c) may be performed by a single brake system.*
- *(5) Each brake system shall be capable of being,*
  - *(a) tested independently; and*
  - *(b) readily applied by a worker seated in the driver's seat.*

# Regulatory Overview

## Ontario Regulation 854 (s119)

- *(6) A service brake system may consist of a hydraulic pump motor drive system.*
- *(7) The service brake system and the emergency brake system shall be capable of safely stopping the motor vehicle while it is being operated,*
  - *(a) on the maximum grade, slope or ramp in its area of operation;*
  - *(b) at its maximum authorized speed; and*
  - *(c) with its maximum authorized load.*
- *(8) The parking brake system shall be capable of holding the motor vehicle stationary, with its maximum authorized load, on the maximum grade, slope or ramp in its area of operation.*
- *(9) The emergency brake system shall be set up so that, whether the brake is applied automatically or manually, a deliberate act is required to release it.*

# Regulatory Overview

## Ontario Regulation 854 (s119.1)

### Initial Model Verification

- Commonly known as Ramp Testing
- Now conducted in accordance with 3 different standards depending upon machine configuration and intended area of application
  - Underground rubber tired machines tested according to CSA M424.3-M90
  - Surface rubber tired machines tested according to CSA-M3450-03
  - U/G & Surface crawler tracked machines tested according to ISO 10265: 1998

## Ontario Regulation 854 (s105)

### Pre-use Testing

- *7) A procedure for the testing, maintenance and inspection of each motor vehicle shall be adopted and the procedure shall,
  - (a) schedule the testing of brakes, steering, lighting and other safety components prior to initial use of the motor vehicle for the shift;*

# Design Validation Testing

# Requirements for testing or re-testing

## Does a valid test report exist?

- The equipment OEM will often be able to provide a record of testing
- Other sources such as Vale conduct independent testing
- Assumptions are often made that since a machine was in use elsewhere that a valid test must exist
  - This may not be the case!

## Is the test report still valid?

- Where problems can arise are:
  - The test report is for a machine built or modified by a different company
  - Modifications are made by other companies and not tested
  - Regulations have changed and the machine is now “first used” on site
  - The model designation has changed or the machine has been upgraded
  - The machine is brought in from another jurisdiction not requiring testing

# Requirements for testing or re-testing

## Triggers that indicate a new brake performance test may be required:

- Change in model designation
  - New design features can affect components and control systems used
- Change in horsepower
  - Faster machines require longer stopping distances
- Change in transmission
  - May affect vehicle speeds
- Change in axles, brake make or model
  - Can affect brake performance thus stopping distance
- Brake actuation control
  - Plumbing changes can increase or decrease brake response time
- Machine mass has increased
  - Heavier machines may require longer to stop if brakes have not changed
- Machine mass has been re-distributed
  - Balance, stability, and traction may be affected

# Vehicle Testing Summary

## Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

- Testing done according to CSA M424.3-M90
- Vehicles built or adapted for underground will require testing at the time of construction or conversion

## Crawler Track Vehicle Testing

- Testing done in accordance with ISO 10265: 1998
- Vehicle OEM's will quite often have already conducted this testing for machines used in surface applications
- Review of the machine for compliance with other underground braking requirements is still necessary

## Surface Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

- Testing done in accordance with CSA-M3450-03
- Vehicle OEM's will quite often have already conducted this testing for machines used in surface applications
- Review of the machine for compliance with other surface braking requirements is still necessary

# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

## Ramp Testing Background and Process

- Vale has conducted ramp testing for over 25 years
- 700+ tests recorded.
- Conducted at the Copper Cliff Mines (North) 20% grade test ramp
- Testing carried out in accordance with CSA M424.3-M90 standard
- Vehicles are typically tested at maximum rated Gross Vehicle Weight
  - Testing of empty vehicles or above rated payload may occur depending upon intended application or OEM requirements
- Vehicles are tested in the direction of worst case stability during tramming where feasible
- Vehicles are tested to maximum speed using all available gears
  - If preliminary checks indicate speed is excessive in higher gears then testing will be limited to lower gears

# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing



Copper Cliff Mine (North) 20% Grade Test Ramp

# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

## Test Process is comprised of several phases

- Pre-test evaluation of machine to determine if any specialized test preparation is necessary
- Initial documentation of test vehicle
- Static testing of brake systems including actuation devices
- Speed checks
- Brake system stopping distance tests
- Additional vehicle checks

# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

## Pre-test evaluation of machine

- Testing needs to be conducted so that brake system functions are tested independent of each other
- Brake systems that have components in common between Service and Emergency require the failure of common components to be considered
  - Example: Axles where the external actuator pull rod is used for both systems
  - Example: Emergency brake systems supplemented by application of service brakes
- Some drive train or brake configurations may require special preparation
  - Example: Some hydrostatic drive vehicles may need isolation systems

# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

## Pre-test evaluation of a hydrostatic drive machine

- Hydrostatic drives can present different challenges as they are commonly the service brake system as well as the means of propulsion
- When testing the emergency brakes a means of discounting the effects of the hydrostatic drive is necessary
- Options can include:
  - Shifting the geared transmission (where available) to neutral prior to braking
  - Installing a temporary drive loop neutralizer circuit that is opened during stops
  - Maintaining full drive power during application of the emergency brakes
  - Demonstrating that the effect of the hydrostatic drive is negligible
    - Typically applicable to systems where the Service brake system has supplemental mechanical brakes

# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

## Initial documentation of test vehicle

- Verification of machine data
- Pictures of machine from several angles documenting load

## Static testing of brake systems

- Static brake tests of brake systems where feasible
- Test of brake actuation systems to verify operator force requirements

## Speed checks

- Vehicle speeds are checked using a radar gun
  - Vehicle speed on flat
  - Vehicle speed down ramp
  - Vehicle speed down ramp – engine retardation
  - Vehicle speed up ramp

# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

## Brake system stopping distance tests

- Service
  - 5 stops conducted in each gear
- Emergency
  - 3 stops conducted in each gear
- Park
  - When combined with emergency – no additional tests required
  - When separate from emergency – tested to verify hold on maximum grade (20%)

## Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing



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# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

## Additional vehicle checks

- Vehicle general stability
- Wheel chock size and performance



## Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing



# Underground Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

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**Mines Research**  
 Mobile Equipment 20% Ramp Test Results

Test #: 1998011601

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**MACHINE TYPE:** Service Vehicle - Crane Truck

Make: Marcotte Model: Ramcrane

Test Type - Purchase Lease Rent Contractor Other

Unit # 977 Hours 3

Destination: CC North Mine

Supplier: Marcotte Mining Machinery

Net Weight: 30,880 lb Gross Weight: 62,880 lb

Mfg. Serial Number: M-2546

**ENGINE DATA:**

Make: Detroit Diesel Model: 4-71 DDEC III H.P.: 225

Serial No.: 04A0290573 Stall R.P.M.:

Low Idle R.P.M. High Idle R.P.M.

Oil Pressure Temperature

**TORQUE CONVERTER DATA:**

Make: Clark Model: 5000

Trans. Clutch Pressure

**AXLE DATA:**

Front Axle: Make: John Deere Model: 1400 Type:

Rear Axle: Make: John Deere Model: 1400 Type:

**BRAKE DESCRIPTION:**

Service Brake: 4 wheel internal wet disc hydraulic apply - front and rear separated.

Emergency Brake: John Deere driveline dry disc - SAHR - both front and rear axles + accumulator apply of service brakes

Park Brake: John Deere driveline dry disc - SAHR

**PASS**  **FAIL**

Comments: Hib 030 Crane Loaded with 32,000 lb. of steel

DATE: 16/01/1998

Location: CCNM 20% Test Ramp

Conditions: Sunny -18°C Plowed and sanded icy sections

**RIM & TIRE DATA:**

Tire Size: H44 5 X 16.5 - 20

No. of Stud Holes: 14

Offset of Centre Plate: 1-1/2

Dia. of Hub Opening: 9-1/2

**TRANSMISSION DATA:**

Make: Clark

Model: R32421

Type: Powershift- 4 Speed

Trans. Temperature

Hydrostatic H.P.: n/a

Hydrostatic L.P.: n/a

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**DYNAMIC BRAKE TEST - Test Condition: Empty Loaded**

**STOPPING DISTANCES IN METRES ON 20% RAMP**

TEST	Gear 1		Gear 2		Gear 3		Gear 4		Gear 5		Gear 6		Gear 7		Gear 8		
	Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		
1	1.0	4	2.7	9	8.7	18		31		10.7	18						
2	0.9	4	2.7	9	8.7	18		31									
3	0.9	4	2.0	9	9.3	18		31									
4	1.0	4	2.3	9	9.4	18		31									
5	0.9	4	2.4	9	8.9	18		31									
on Flat	0.5	4	1.0	7	1.7	12		4.9	17								

**TERNARY BRAKE TEST**

Test #: 1998011601

Gear	SERVICE		EMERGENCY / PARKING		PARKING	
	--- R.P.M.	--- R.P.M.	--- R.P.M.	--- R.P.M.	--- R.P.M.	--- R.P.M.
gear	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.
gear	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.
gear	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.
gear	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.	Stall	R.P.M.
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gear	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.
gear	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.	R.P.M.

Brake Application (ABA) time (sec.): 1

Pressure Cycle Test (20 applications at 6 / min - high idle) - Pass  Fail

Pressure not to drop below 70% Max (P.S.I.) 2400 Min (P.S.I.) 2350

**ENGINE BRAKE TEST PROCEDURE**

Tested - throttle

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**EMERGENCY BRAKES**

TEST	Gear 1		Gear 2		Gear 3		Gear 4		Gear 5		Gear 6		Gear 7		Gear 8		
	Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		
1	0.9	4	2.6	9	5.5	18		31		18							
2	0.8	4	2.5	9	5.4	18		31		18							
3	0.8	4	2.5	9	5.4	18		31		18							
on Flat	0.4	4	0.9	7	2.2	12		5.6	17								

**PARK BRAKE HOLDS ON RAMP: Yes No**

**SPEED TESTS**

Gear	Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)		Speed (km/h)	
	Down	Up	Down	Up	Down	Up	Down	Up	Down	Up	Down	Up
1	4	9	18	31	18	31	18	31	18	31	18	31
2	2	7	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
3	4	6	6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4	4	7	12	17	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Powertrain retardation: 6m skid 3rd gear service, 1m skid 3rd emergency - moved to better traction  
Test 5 is 3rd gear - park brake only - no skid.

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**OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

Operator: Dan Hebert

Representatives: Richard Riach, Peter Golde

Witnesses: Pete Marcotte - Marcotte Mining, Andre Marcotte - Marcotte Mining

RAMP TEST APPROVED

Approver: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: January 17, 1998

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / OBSERVATIONS:**

Unit is too fast in 4th gear for ramp use.

Add label to dash stating "Maximum Speed - 3rd Gear on Ramp".  
Optional to lock out 4th gear

Unit not completed - to be inspected yet.

Sample Ramp Test Report

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# Crawler Tracked Vehicle Testing

## Test Process follows many of the same phases as U/G Vehicle Ramp Testing

- Pre-test evaluation of machine
- Initial documentation of test vehicle
- Static testing of brake systems including actuation devices
- Speed checks are not conducted as testing is done statically
- Brake system capacity is evaluated against tractive force

## Brake Test Procedure

- Vehicle is pulled in neutral at very low speed with Service brakes applied
- Forced being applied to pull vehicle is measured
- Force is increased until brakes permit tracks to rotate or they lose traction
- Force is recorded and used with vehicle weight to calculate maximum allowed operating grade
- Testing is repeated for Emergency and Park brakes

# Crawler Tracked Vehicle Testing



Static Pull Testing



# Surface Rubber Tired Vehicle Testing

**Testing follows a similar process as U/G Vehicle Ramp Testing with different test parameters**

- Differences include:
  - Vehicle testing is on the flat with the exception of “dumpers” that are tested at a 9% ramp grade
  - Vehicles may be tested with or without payload
    - Specific conditions and stopping distances apply to different classes of machines
  - Holding performance test for service and park brakes
    - 25% grade for the service brakes on most machines
    - 20% grade for park brakes on specified empty machines
    - 15% grade for park brakes on specified loaded machines

# Pre-Use Testing Options

# Pre-Use Testing

## Pre-Use Testing Per Regulation 854 and Guidelines

- Brake performance must be verified prior to use (s105 -7).
  - The regulations also require testing prior to entering a main ramp area.
- Service and Emergency verification can be performed as either a static test against the machines drive train, or as a dynamic stopping test.
  - Testing is conducted on the flat prior to entering the ramp area
- Park brakes can be tested as either a static test against the drive train, as a dynamic test, or as a static test on maximum grade against vehicle load
  - Load test on grade is only acceptable once Service and Emergency tests have been successfully passed

# Pre-Use Testing

## Testing Option Challenges

- Static testing against drive train load is preferred as it provides the least exposure to risk to the operator
  - Not all vehicles are configured to permit driving against the brakes
    - Modifications may be possible to temporarily override transmission neutralizing circuits or to hold brakes applied
  - Tests may be dependent upon specific gear selection and engine rpms
    - Tachometer failure can put a machine out of service due to inability to test
- Dynamic testing may be required where drive train and brake configuration do not permit static testing
  - Dynamic testing is most common in hydrostatic / hydraulic drive vehicles where the drive is also designated as the service brake
  - Vehicle with standard transmissions are also commonly tested dynamically
  - Best practice is to arrange tests such that static tests of emergency brakes are conducted prior to putting the vehicle in motion

# Pre-Use Testing

## Test Procedures Determination

- Testing Procedures need to be rigorous enough to ensure brake condition is properly represented
- Procedures should not be so rigorous as to cause unnecessary damage
- Static tests against drive train can be determined one of two ways
  - Theoretical calculation of drive train torque output vs. brake torque required
  - Ramp test determination of appropriate gear and rpm based on static holding capacity vs. on ramp performance
- Dynamic brake stopping tests are typically based on actual stopping distances of a machine with the brakes in good condition and with proper adjustment

## Summary

- Work with the Suppliers / OEM's / local MOL inspector to help ensure new machines (including used but new to you) meet current regulations
- Check that machines have been tested according to appropriate standard and procedures
- Know what the pre-use tests are, and how they are to be performed for the machine model / configuration that you are using

Questions?

# Thank you!

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