

**Sec. 14-271a-2. Frame weakening standards**

No motor vehicle shall be operated on any public highway, nor shall any motor vehicle pass any safety inspection conducted by the commissioner of motor vehicles under authority of any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes or the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, if the vehicle frame fails to meet any of the following standards:

1. The frame or chassis of each motor vehicle shall not be cracked, loose, sagging or broken;
2. Bolts, brackets, or welds securing the cab or the body of the vehicle to the frame or subframe must not be loose, broken, or missing;
3. The frame flanges between the axles shall not be bent, cut or notched, except as specified by the commercial motor vehicle manufacturer of the vehicle in question or, if the vehicle in question is a light duty motor vehicle, in accordance with either the I-CAR Standards or the recommendations of the manufacturer of the motor vehicle in question;
4. The frame flanges shall not be rusted such that any corrosive scaling or flaking has reduced the solid metal of the flange by fifty percent or more;
5. No holes shall be drilled in the top or bottom frame flanges, except as specified by the commercial motor vehicle manufacturer of the vehicle in question or, if the vehicle in question is a light duty motor vehicle, in accordance with I-CAR Standards;
6. No rust perforation holes shall be allowed in the top or bottom flanges; or
7. Parts and accessories shall not be welded to the frame or chassis of a motor vehicle except in accordance with the recommendations of the commercial motor vehicle manufacturer of the vehicle in question or, if the vehicle in question is a light duty motor vehicle, in accordance with either the I-CAR Standards or the recommendations of the manufacturer of the motor vehicle in question.

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