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Chapter MVD 7

STANDARDS FOR ADEQUATE REAR FENDERS  
OR MUDGUARDS

MVD 7.01 Fender and mudguard requirements

**MVD 7.01 Fender and mudguard requirements.** All vehicles as defined in section 85.45(6), Wis. Stats., must comply with the following rules regarding fenders and mudguards:

(1) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION. (a) All fenders, mudguards or flaps as required by section 85.45 (6), Wis. Stats., shall have ground clearance of not more than one-third of the horizontal distance from the center of the rearmost axle to the fender, mudguard or flap under any condition of operation or loading of the vehicle, and shall be at least as wide as the tire or multiple tires they are protecting; provided, however, that if the vehicle is so designed and constructed that the above requirements are accomplished by means of fenders, body construction or other means of enclosure, then no such mudguards or flaps shall be required; and further provided that if rear wheels are not covered at the top by fenders, body or other parts of the vehicle, then these rear wheels shall be covered at the top from a line drawn vertically through the center of the axle and extending downward to the rear in accordance with the specifications stated above.

(b) Fenders, mudguards or flaps shall be of such material and so constructed and placed as outlined above as to be capable of restricting to a minimum the splashing of water, mud or other material as may be thrown by the rear wheels.

(2) INSTALLATION. Fenders, mudguards or flaps shall be installed as set forth in (1) above and in addition shall be securely attached to the vehicle so as to prevent accidental release or detachment.