

Compulsory Specification for

**Ball type couplings and towing brackets
for towing caravans and light trailers**

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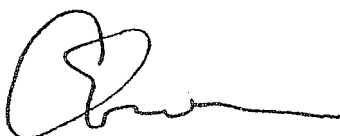
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STANDARDS ACT, 1993

**COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR BALL TYPE COUPLINGS AND TOWING
BRACKETS FOR TOWING CARAVANS AND LIGHT TRAILERS**

I, Alexander Erwin, Minister of Trade and Industry, acting in terms of section 22 of the Standards Act (Act 29 of 1993) and on the recommendation of the Council of the South African Bureau of Standards, hereby declares the specification for ball type couplings and towing brackets for towing caravans and light trailers as set out in the schedule attached hereto, to be compulsory from the date two months after the date of publication of this notice.



A ERWIN
Minister of Trade and Industry

SCHEDULE

COMPULSORY SPECIFICATION FOR BALL TYPE COUPLINGS AND TOWING BRACKETS FOR TOWING CARAVANS AND LIGHT TRAILERS

1 Scope

1.1 This specification covers requirements for ball type couplings and towing brackets for the towing of caravans and light trailers of gross vehicle mass (GVM) not exceeding 3 500 kg.

1.2 Towing brackets and integrated towing devices, and coupling balls and ball supports fitted to a new vehicle by the vehicle manufacturer, prior to sale, are excluded from this specification, the towing devices being regarded as forming part of the vehicle.

2 Definitions

For the purposes of this specification, the definitions given in

SABS 1505-1, *Ball type couplings and towing brackets for towing caravans and light trailers – Part 1: Towing brackets and integrated towing devices,*

SABS 1505-2, *Ball type couplings and towing brackets for towing caravans and light trailers – Part 2: Coupling balls and ball supports, and*

SABS 1505-3, *Ball type couplings and towing brackets for towing caravans and light trailers – Part 3: Coupling sockets, apply.*

3 Requirements

Ball type couplings and towing brackets for the towing of caravans and light trailers shall comply with the requirements of the following standards:

SABS 1505-1, *Ball type couplings and towing brackets for towing caravans and light trailers – Part 1: Towing brackets and integrated towing devices;*

SABS 1505-2, *Ball type couplings and towing brackets for towing caravans and light trailers – Part 2: Coupling balls and ball supports; and*

SABS 1505-3, *Ball type couplings and towing brackets for towing caravans and light trailers – Part 3: Coupling sockets.*

NOTE – All standards are subject to revision and, since any reference to a standard is deemed to be a reference to the latest edition of that standard, parties to agreements based on this compulsory specification are encouraged to take steps to ensure the use of the most recent editions of the above standards. Information on current national and international standards can be obtained from the South African Bureau of Standards.

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