



THE UNITED KINGDOM VEHICLE APPROVAL AUTHORITY

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING APPROVAL EXTENDED OF A TYPE OF MECHANICAL
COUPLING DEVICE OR COMPONENT, PURSUANT TO REGULATION NO 55.01



Approval No: E11*55R01/10*10486*06

1. Trade name or mark of the device or component: RINGFEDER or VBG
2. Type of device or component:
303 AUS
3. Manufacturer's name and address:
VBG Group AB
Herman Kreftings gata 4
46228 Vänersborg
Sweden
4. If applicable, name and address of the manufacturer's representative:
Not applicable
5. Alternative supplier's names or trademarks applied to the device or component:
Not applicable
6. Name and address of company or body taking responsibility for the conformity of production:
See item 3
7. Submitted for approval on: 29 January 2024
8. Technical service responsible for conducting approval tests: TÜV SÜD Auto Service GmbH
EAB625813



9. Brief description:

9.1. Type and class of device or component: 303 AUS, C50-X

9.2. Characteristic values:

9.2.1. Primary values:

D 320 kN

D_c 135 kN

S 1000 kg

U - tonnes

V 75 kN

Alternative values:

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|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| D | - kN | - kN | - kN |
| D _c | 135 kN | 135 kN | 170 kN |
| S | 2000 kg | 2500 kg | 1000 kg |
| U | - tonnes | - tonnes | - tonnes |
| V | 63 kN | 50 kN | 60 kN |

9.3. For Class A mechanical coupling devices or components, including towing brackets:

Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible vehicle mass: - kg

Distribution of maximum permissible vehicle mass between the axles: -

Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible towable trailer mass: - kg

Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible static mass on coupling ball: - kg

Maximum mass of the vehicle, with bodywork, in running order, including coolant, oils, fuel, tools and spare wheel (if supplied) but not including driver: - kg

Loading condition under which the tow ball height of a mechanical coupling device fitted to category M1 ⁽¹⁾ vehicles is to be measured -see paragraph 2 of Annex 7, Appendix 1: -9.4. For class B coupling heads, is the coupling head intended to be fitted to an unbraked O₁ trailer:
Not applicable

10. Instructions for the attachment of the coupling device or component type to the vehicle and photographs or drawings of the mounting points (see Annex 2, Appendix 1) given by the vehicle manufacturer: see manufacturer's documentation, mounting instruction
11. Information on the fitting of any special reinforcing brackets or plates or spacing components necessary for the attachment of the coupling device or component (see Annex 2, Appendix 1): not applicable
12. Additional information where the use of the coupling device or component is restricted to special types of vehicles - see Annex 5, paragraph 3.4.: not applicable
13. For Class K hook type couplings, details of the drawbar eyes suitable for use with the particular hook type: not applicable
14. Date of test report: 29 January 2024
15. Number of test report: 14-00862-CX-GBM-06
16. Approval mark position: Label on the coupling head
17. Reason(s) for extension of approval:
1) Updated regulation
2) Added different versions of a second safety device
18. Approval EXTENDED
19. Place: BRISTOL
20. Date: 13 MARCH 2024
21. Signature:



C McCABE
Chief Technical and Statutory Operations Officer

22. The list of documents deposited with the Type Approval Authority which has granted approval is annexed to this communication and may be obtained on request.

Any remarks: None

- (1) As defined in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3.), document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.3, para. 2 - www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29resolutions.html.

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relating to the ECE Type Approval as a component of mechanical coupling devices for vehicles and their trailers (ECE 55-01).

0. GENERAL

0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer): **RINGFEDER or VBG**

0.2. Type and commercial description(s): **Type 303 AUS, automatic drawbar coupling with the different Variants from Typ: 303AUS and RF50:**

RF50A INT
RF50 B INT
RF50 B NZ MSD
RF50 B AUS MSD
RF50 AM INT
RF50 AM BR
RF50 AM JK BR
RF50 AM AUS

0.5. Name and address of manufacturer: **VBG GROUP AB, S-46228 Vänersborg**

0.7. In the case of components and separate technical units, location and method of affixing of the ECE approval mark: **On type plate glued or riveted on the coupling head**

0.8. Address(es) of assembly plant(s):
**VBG GROUP TRUCK EQUIPMENT AB
S- 46228 Vänersborg**

1. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DRAWING AND TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS

1.1. Detailed technical description (including drawings and material specifications) of the type of the mechanical coupling device: **see enclosures**

1.2. Class and type of the coupling device(s): **Class C50-X, type 303 AUS**

1.3. Maximum D-value: **320 kN**

Maximum Dc-value: **135 kN or 170kN in comb. with S=1000kg and V=60kN**

1.4. Maximum vertical load S at the coupling: **1000kg or 2000kg or 2500kg or 1000kg
and and and and**

1.5. Maximum V-value: **75 kN 63 kN 50 kN 60 kN**

1.6. Instructions of attachment of the coupling type to the vehicle and photographs or drawing of the fixing points at the vehicle given by the manufacturer; additional information if use of the coupling type is restricted to special types of vehicles:

See Installation- and Operation Instructions

1.7. Information of the fitting of special towing brackets or mounting plates: -----

Date, Name

2024-01-26 M. Huckenbeck

