



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation and Communications  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD**  
East Avenue, Quezon City

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

Number 2015-004

**SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT TO MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2009-029 RE: YEAR MODEL PROPOSED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR AUTHORIZED TAXI UNITS SPECIFICALLY THE PROVISION ON THE REQUIRED SPECIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT OF TAXI UNITS**

The Board, in the exercise of its powers to formulate, promulgate, administer, implement and enforce standards and/or measurements and/or designs of public utility vehicles as provided for under Executive Order No. 202, Section 5, paragraph k, and in view of recent developments in the car manufacturing industry in terms of safety and fuel efficiency of smaller (compact) cars than that prescribed under MC 2009-029, hereby promulgate and implement to allow four (4) door compact or smaller sedan to be used as taxi units which were not allowed under MC 2009-029.

Henceforth, the following minimum dimension, safety and comfort features shall be required for all authorized taxi units.

**A. Minimum Dimension**

**1. Sedan with more than Piston Displacement of 1200 cc (rated)**

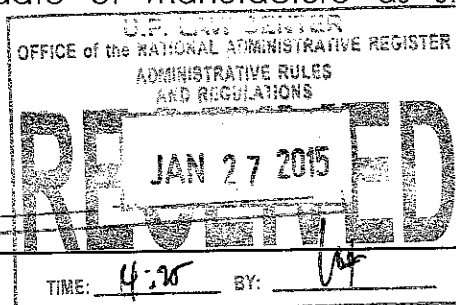
- 1.1 Overall Length – 4280 mm
- 1.2 Overall Width – 1695 mm
- 1.3 Overall Height – 1470 mm
- 1.4 Wheelbase – 2500 mm

Sedans falling under this category which are diesel or gasoline fed shall have a life span of thirteen (13) years pursuant to DO 2004-42. However, those sedans which are converted to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) engine fed shall have an additional two (2) years pursuant to MC 2006-069.

**2. Sedan with Piston Displacement of 1200 cc (rated)**

- 2.1 Overall Length – 3990 mm
- 2.2 Overall Width – 1625 mm
- 2.3 Overall Height – 1455 mm
- 2.4 Wheelbase – 2405 mm

Sedans falling under this category which are diesel or gasoline fed shall have a life span of **ONLY** ten (10) years commencing from the date of manufacture as stated in its Certificate of Registration.





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**B. Common Requirements To All Authorized Taxi Units**

**1. Safety Features**

- 1.1 Seatbelts (front: 3-point and rear: 2-point)
- 1.2 Front SRS Airbags (driver and front passenger)  
 \*This feature shall be strictly implemented on 01 January 2016
- 1.3 Third Brake Lamp
- 1.4 Side Impact Beams
- 1.5 Hydraulic Brake System
- 1.6 Child Safety Lock
- 1.7 Remote Luggage Trunk Opener

**2. Comfort Features**

- 2.1 Rear Legroom (The distance from the cushion of the rear seat to the cushion of the front seatback) – 650 mm (front seat fully retracted backwards)
- 2.2 Luggage Compartment - Actual volume measurement, which should be at least 310 liters

All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded and amended accordingly and takes effect immediately after the filing of three (3) copies hereof with the UP Law Center, pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11, dated October 1992.

**SO ORDERED.**

Quezon City, Philippines JAN 26 2015

  
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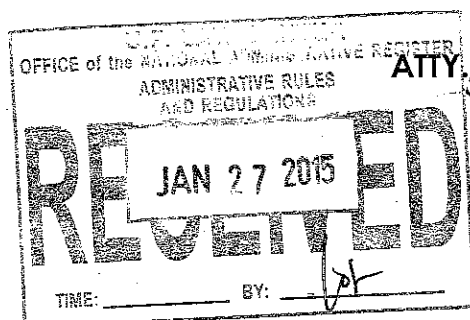


  
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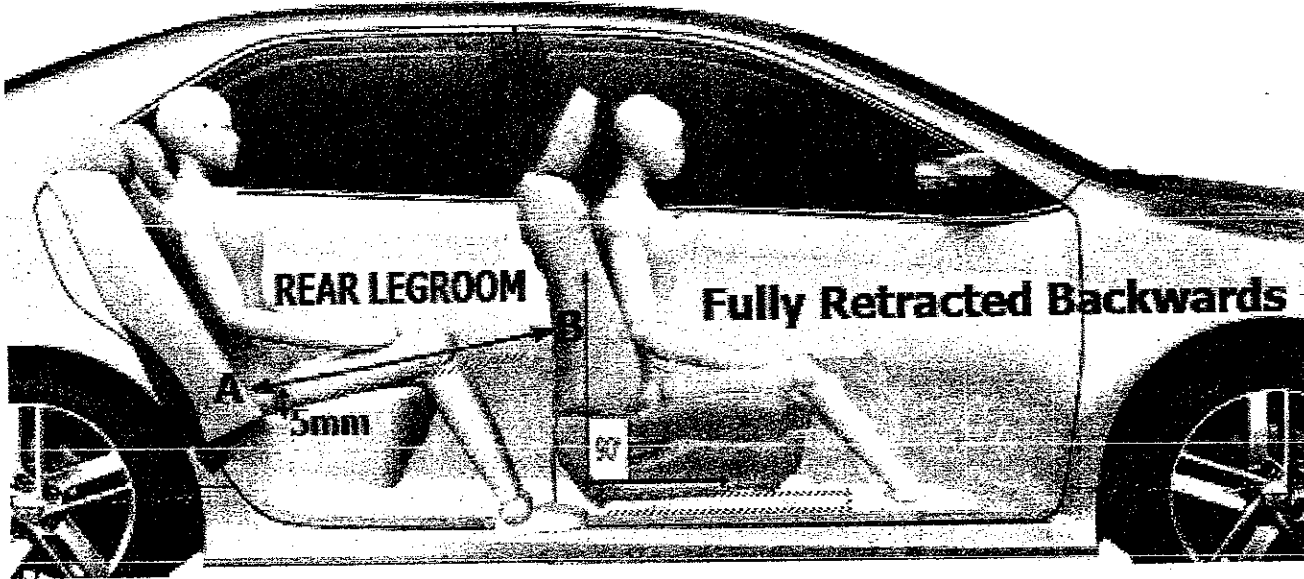
  
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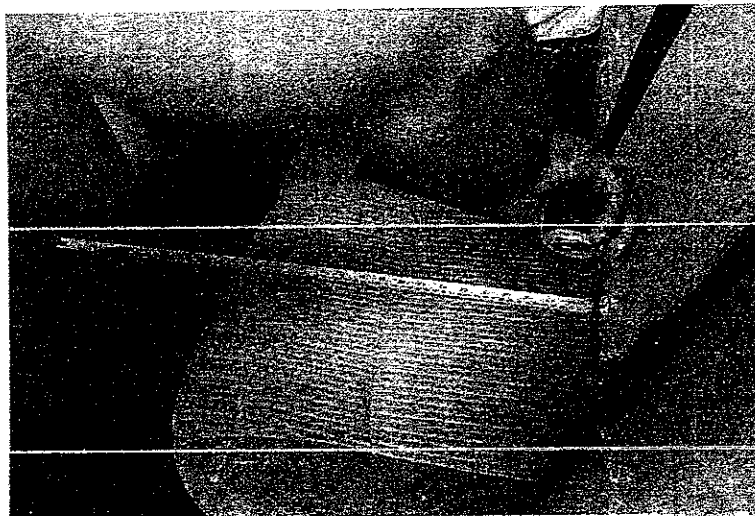
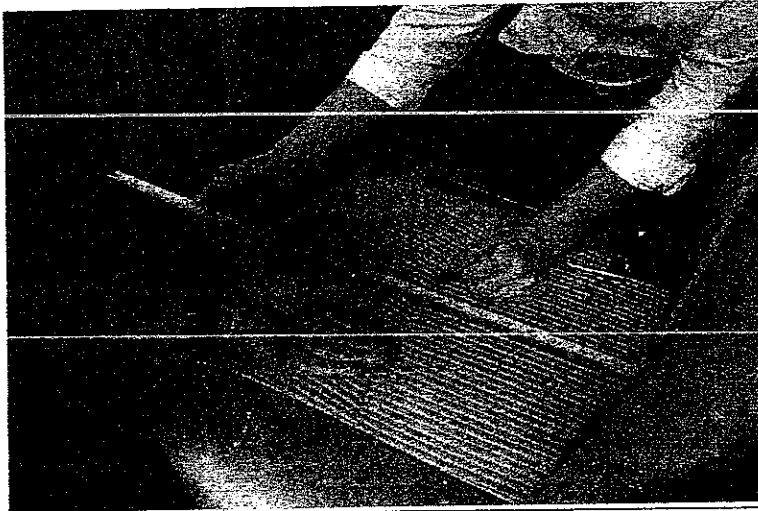
  
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Annex 1 – Diagram for Rear Legroom Measurement



Annex 2 – Images Taken During Measurement of Rear Legroom



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