

## Curtain Buckles

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### What happened ?

Driver was pulling the curtain open using the buckles. One of the buckles gave way causing whiplash and concussion injuries to the driver.

On further inspection it was found that the buckle had been incorrectly fitted with rivets. There was evidence of 2 further buckles being incorrectly fitted with rivets



### Findings

- Standard at manufacture is for buckles to be secured with backplates, bolts and nuts
- It cannot be conclusively identified where and when these Buckles were incorrectly riveted

### Recommendations

- Please carefully check buckles on curtains. They should be fitted with bolts, nuts and backplates
- If you identify a buckle is fitted with rivets, please report this as a defect
- Follow guidance in Safe Working Practice

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