

**WAC 173-901-070 Which laboratories must a manufacturer of brake friction material use to certify compliance with this chapter?** (1) To certify compliance, a manufacturer of brake friction material must ensure that its brake friction material is tested by a laboratory that is qualified and equipped for testing products in accordance with the SAE J2975:2011 testing method, and that has been found to be competent to perform the specific testing methods described by SAE J2975:2011 by maintaining accreditation:

(a) To the ISO 17025:2005 standard by a lab accreditation body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Multilateral Recognition Arrangement, as of the effective date of this chapter;

(b) By any accreditation body that is recognized by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program, as of the effective date of this chapter; or

(c) By the Washington state environmental laboratory accreditation program under RCW 43.21A.230 and chapter 173-50 WAC.

(2) A manufacturer of brake friction material may certify compliance using testing results generated by a laboratory accredited to an alternative standard or by a laboratory accreditation body not listed in subsection (1) of this section if the alternative standard or accreditation body is approved by the department in advance of testing results being used for certification. The brake friction material manufacturer, laboratory, or laboratory accreditation body proposing the alternative shall be responsible for generating data sufficient to demonstrate to the department that these alternatives are equivalent to or better than the standards or accreditation bodies listed in subsection (1) of this section. Once an alternative laboratory standard or accreditation body has been approved by the department, any brake friction material manufacturer may use the standard or accredited laboratories for certification.

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