



GUIDELINES FOR ALTERNATIVE SEATING, CARPETING, HEADLINING MATERIALS.

All additional equipment fitted to a licensed vehicle should be securely fitted.

All equipment must be approved by the Vehicle Policy Manager, and meet all requirements as regards safety and technical acceptability.

Any replacement materials must be of a similar standard to the products fitted as original equipment. They must be reasonably fire resistant, hard wearing and easily cleaned by dry foam or other similar agents.

Replacement materials must meet one or all of the following specifications (a), (b) and/or (c).

- (a) BSI Standard BS 5852 (part one) 1979 in respect of ignitability by smokers materials.
- (b) USA federal Standard FMVSS 571.302 (Current LTI fabrics meet this test).
- (c) BSI BSAU 169A 1992.

The replacement material must also meet all of the following:-

- Pass a Martindale Rub Test of 80,000 cycles.
- Be reasonably antistatic.
- Proof of certification from either a recognised testing house or a letter from the material suppliers, certifying that the company guarantees that the product complies with these requirements, must be produced before fitting to a licensed taxicab.

Note: The Licensing Authority will not permit the removal or omission of sight panels when re-trimming or repairing any seats where this has been part of the originally approved seating. Any taxicab which was built with contrasting colour features to aid the partially sighted must retain similar approved aids.