

**17. METHOD OF CHARGING****17.1 Rental vehicles**

The Corporation may require the contract of hire to be produced in cases where motor vehicles hired from a rental company are to be charged at table A rates (refer to clause 18.3).

**17.2 Commercial vehicle measurement**

Commercial vehicle charges shall be determined from declared measurements or, if practical, shall be measured.

**17.2.1 Pantechnicons and trailers:** The measurement of pantechnicons to be taken on overall length, bumper to bumper. If a trailer is towed, the overall length shall be measured from the front of the towing unit to the rear of the trailer (including any projection) and including the drawbar.

**17.2.2 Average height of load:** The formula for ascertaining the average height of load on a vehicle is:

$$\frac{\text{cubic measurement of load on tray}}{\text{square measurement of tray}} \quad (\text{i.e.; } m^3 \div m^2)$$

**17.3 Motor car, station wagon, utility, and van lengths**

Motor cars, station wagons, utilities and vans with projections such as baggage carriers and extra bumpers fitted additionally to standard models shall be charged on factory specification lengths.

**17.3.1 Caravan and trailer couplings:** Caravan and trailer couplings fitted to such vehicles will not be regarded as projecting fixtures. However, for charging purposes, the measurement of caravans and trailers shall include the towbar fitted to the front of the caravan or trailer.

**17.3.2 Factory length unknown:** If the factory specification length of a motor car, station wagon, etc., is not known, such vehicle shall be charged on either the declared overall length or, if practical, it shall be measured and charged on the actual overall length.

**17.3.3 Attachments:** Canoes, small boats, rowing shells, baggage, etc. attached to the top of a vehicle but not protruding beyond either end of the vehicle may be conveyed without any additional charge. However, if the attachment protrudes beyond either end, the charge for the carrying vehicle shall be based on the overall length of the vehicle and attachment.

**17.4 Classification of motor vehicles on own wheels****17.4.1 Definition of commercial vehicles:**

Furniture pantechnicons,  
 Goods trailers,  
 Refrigerated lorries,  
 Semi trailers,  
 Stock transporters,  
 Trade vehicles—Any vehicles forwarded on “D” plates and new vehicles registered in private ownership (and still to be delivered to the purchaser),  
 Any vehicle or machine (other than a motor car or station wagon), loaded or empty, being used in association with any business or revenue earning undertaking.

**17.4.2 Nature of load:** The following vehicles when loaded with other than *bona fide* personal baggage, holiday effects or workman’s tools shall be deemed to be commercial vehicles.

Caravans,  
 Mini buses,  
 Motor coaches,  
 Motor lorries (covered or open),  
 Two wheeled trailers,  
 Utilities,  
 Vans.