



THE UNITED KINGDOM VEHICLE APPROVAL AUTHORITY

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL GRANTED ⁽⁴⁾/ APPROVAL EXTENDED ⁽¹⁾/
APPROVAL REFUSED ⁽⁴⁾/ APPROVAL WITHDRAWN ⁽⁴⁾/ PRODUCTION DEFINITELY
DISCONTINUED ⁽⁴⁾ OF A TYPE OF MECHANICAL COUPLING DEVICE OR COMPONENT,
PURSUANT TO REGULATION NO 55.02




Approval No: E11*55R02/01*6290*03

1. Trade name or mark of the device or component: RINGFEDER or VBG
2. Type of device or component: 4040/G135
3. Manufacturer's name and address:

VBG Group AB
Herman Kreftings gata 4
S-46228 Vänersborg
Sweden
4. If applicable, name and address of the manufacturer's representative: Not applicable
5. Alternative supplier's names or trademarks applied to the device or component:
Not applicable
6. Name and address of company or body taking responsibility for the conformity of
production: See item 3
7. Submitted for approval on: As before and 22 June 2021
8. Technical service responsible for conducting approval tests: TÜV SÜD Auto Service
GmbH

9. Brief description: Automatic drawbar coupling
- 9.1. Type and class of device or component: 4040/G135, S
- 9.2. Characteristic values:
- 9.2.1. Primary values:
- | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| D.....85... kN | D _c70... kN | S.....700..... kg |
| U.....--.....tonnes | V.....28.2..... kN | |
- Alternative values:
- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| D.....--..... kN | D _c--..... kN | S.....1000..... kg |
| U.....--.....tonnes | V.....25..... kN | |
- 9.3. For Class A mechanical coupling devices or components, including towing brackets:
Not applicable
- Maximum permissible vehicle mass as declared by the vehicle manufacturers: kg
- Distribution of maximum permissible vehicle mass between the axles:
- Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible towable trailer mass: kg
- Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible static mass on coupling ball: kg
- Maximum mass:
- Maximum mass of the vehicle, with bodywork, in running order, including coolant, oils, fuel, tools and spare wheel (if supplied) but not including driver: kg
- Loading condition under which the tow ball height of a mechanical coupling device fitted to category M₁⁽²⁾ vehicles is to be measured -see paragraph 2 of Annex 7, Appendix 1:
- 9.4. For class B coupling heads, is the coupling head intended to be fitted to an unbraked O₁ trailer: YES/NO⁽¹⁾ Not applicable
10. Instructions for the attachment of the coupling device or component type to the vehicle and photographs or drawings of the mounting points (see Annex 2, Appendix 1) given by the vehicle manufacturer: See manufacturer's documentation, mounting instruction.
11. Information on the fitting of any special reinforcing brackets or plates or spacing components necessary for the attachment of the coupling device or component (see Annex 2, Appendix 1): Not applicable

12. Additional information where the use of the coupling device or component is restricted to special types of vehicles - see Annex 5, paragraph 3.4.: Not applicable
13. For Class K hook type couplings, details of the drawbar eyes suitable for use with the particular hook type: Not applicable
14. Date of test report: As before and 22 June 2021
15. Number of test report: 10-00770-CX-GBM up to extension 03
16. Approval mark position: Label on the coupling head
17. Reason(s) for extension of approval:
 1) Further variant
 2) Modified closing mechanism and safety devices
 3) New sensor
 4) New valve box
 5) Minor modifications in some parts
18. Approval ~~GRANTED/EXTENDED/REFUSED~~AWITHDRAWN⁽¹⁾
19. Place: BRISTOL
20. Date: 02 AUGUST 2021
21. Signature: 
- C MCCABE
Chief Technical and Statutory Operations Officer
22. The list of documents deposited with the Type Approval Authority which has granted approval is annexed to this communication and may be obtained on request.

(1) Strike out what does not apply.

(2) As defined in the Consolidated Resolution on the Construction of Vehicles (R.E.3.), document ECE/TRANS/WP.29/78/Rev.3, para. 2 - www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29resolutions.html.



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relating to the ECE Type Approval as a component of mechanical coupling devices for vehicles and their trailers (ECE 55-02).

0. GENERAL

0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer): **RINGFEDER or VBG**

0.2. Type and commercial description(s): **Type 4040/G135, automatic drawbar coupling with the different Variants from Typ: 4040G135 and RF40**

0.5. Name and address of manufacturer:
**VBG GROUP AB,
Herman Kreftings gata 4
S-46228 Vänersborg, Sweden**

0.7. In the case of components and separate technical units, location and method of affixing of the ECE approval mark: **On type plate glued or riveted on the coupling head**

0.8. Address(es) of assembly plant(s):
**VBG GROUP Truck Equipment AB,
Tenggrenstorpsvägen 11
S-46228 Vänersborg, Sweden**

1. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DRAWING AND TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS

1.1. Detailed technical description (including drawings and material specifications) of the type of the mechanical coupling device: **see enclosures**

1.2. Class and type of the coupling device(s): **Class S, type 4040/G135**

1.3. Maximum D-value: **85 kN**

Maximum Dc-value: **70 kN**

1.4. Maximum vertical load S at the coupling: **700kg or 1000kg
and and**

1.6. Maximum V-value: **28,2 kN 25kN**

1.7. Instructions of attachment of the coupling type to the vehicle and photographs or drawing of the fixing points at the vehicle given by the manufacturer; additional information if use of the coupling type is restricted to special types of vehicles:

See Installation- and Operation Instructions

1.8. Information of the fitting of special towing brackets or mounting plates :-----

Date, Name

22.06.2021 M. Huckenbeck

