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THE UNITED KINGDOM VEHICLE APPROVAL AUTHORITY

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COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE APPROVAL GRANTED <sup>(1)</sup>/  
~~APPROVAL EXTENDED <sup>(4)</sup>/ APPROVAL REFUSED <sup>(4)</sup>/ APPROVAL  
WITHDRAWN <sup>(4)</sup>/ PRODUCTION DEFINITELY DISCONTINUED <sup>(1)</sup>~~ OF A TYPE  
OF MECHANICAL COUPLING DEVICE OR COMPONENT, PURSUANT TO  
REGULATION NO 55.01 SUPPLEMENT 2

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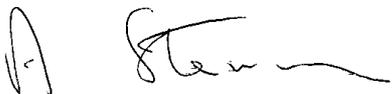
Approval No: 55R-015950

Extension No: Not applicable

1. Trade name or mark of the device or component: THULE
2. Manufacturer's name for the type of device or component: 530097
3. Manufacturer's name and address:  
  
Thule Towing Systems B.V.  
Industrieweg 5  
NL-7951 CX Staphorst  
Netherlands
4. If applicable, name and address of the manufacturer's representative: Not applicable
5. Alternative supplier's names or trade marks applied to the device or component: Not applicable
6. Name and address of company or body taking responsibility for the conformity of production:  
Same as item 3.
7. Submitted for approval on: 22 February 2012
8. Technical service responsible for conducting approval tests: TÜV SÜD Automotive GmbH



9. Brief description:
- 9.1. Type and class of device or component: Non-standard coupling ball 50
- 9.2. Characteristic values: 530097, A50-X
- 9.2.1. Primary values:  
 D...18.5... kN    Dc..... kN    S.....250..... kg  
 U.....tonnes            V..... kN  
 Alternative values: Not applicable  
 D..... kN    Dc..... kN    S..... kg  
 U.....tonnes            V..... kN
- 9.3. For Class A mechanical coupling devices or components, including towing brackets:  
 Not applicable
- Vehicle manufacturer's maximum permissible vehicle mass: 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 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 M<sub>1</sub> 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 O<sub>1</sub> trailer Yes/No
10. Instructions for the attachment of the coupling device or component type to the vehicle and photographs or drawings of the mounting points given by the vehicle manufacturer: See manufacturer's documentation
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: 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: 24 February 2012
- 15. Number of test report: 12-00157-CX-GBM
- 16. Approval mark position: Type plate on flange
- 17. Reason(s) for extension of approval: Not applicable
- 18. Approval GRANTED/~~EXTENDED/REFUSED/WITHDRAWN~~ (1)
- 19. Place: BRISTOL
- 20. Date: 07 MARCH 2012
- 21. Signature:  A. W. STENNING  
Head of Technical and Quality Support Group
- 22. The list of documents deposited with the Administration Service which has granted approval is annexed to this communication and may be obtained on request.

(1) Strike out what does not apply.