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This *Standard* is based on the “Historical Streetcar” section of the California Public Utilities Commission General Order 143-B, with many additional criteria added in order to create a more comprehensive standard.”

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**Abstract:** This *Standard* establishes minimum requirements for equipping vintage and heritage trolley vehicles, also referred to as vintage trolleys or historic streetcars, for operation on urban heritage trolley systems.

**Keywords:** heritage trolley, historic streetcar, replica trolley, vintage trolley

**Summary:** This *Standard* includes programs and procedures that are to be established and documented in the vintage and heritage trolley system's System Safety Program Plan (SSPP), as well as equipment-related criteria that are to be documented as part of the vehicle safety certification process.

**Scope and purpose:** This *Standard* is applicable to all vintage and heritage trolleys operating in an urban public transit environment. It is not intended for application to railway museums/trolley museums, which may operate similar "heritage" or "vintage" equipment, unless they run in an urban public transit environment. Although a museum has the same obligation to conduct safe operations, there are also significant differences in the nature of a museum operating environment versus that of an urban public transit environment.

The purpose of this document is to provide APTA member transit systems and other vintage and heritage trolley operators with minimum standards for equipping and operating vintage and heritage trolley vehicles.

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