

**THE NETHERLANDS**  
(N E D E R L A N D)**COMMUNICATION**Concerning <sup>(1)</sup>:

- ~~approval granted~~
- approval extended
- ~~approval refused~~
- ~~approval withdrawn~~
- ~~production definitively discontinued~~

of a type of mechanical coupling device or component pursuant to Regulation number 55.

**Approval number: E4\*55R01/04\*0066\*03**

1. Trade name or mark of the device or component : VBG
2. Type of device or component : 8040G160
3. Manufacturer's name and address : VBG GROUP AB  
Herman Kreftings gata 4  
S-462 28 Vänersborg
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 : Same as item 3.
7. Submitted for approval on : 04.10.2022
8. Technical service responsible for conducting approval tests : TÜV SÜD Auto Service GmbH

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9. Brief description : Automatic non standard clevis type drawbar coupling

9.1. Type and class of device or component : 8040G160, S

9.2. Characteristic values :

9.2.1. Primary values:

D (kN)	D <sub>c</sub> (kN)	S (kg)	U (tonnes)	V (kN)
140	--	--	--	--

Alternative values:

D (kN)	D <sub>c</sub> (kN)	S (kg)	U (tonnes)	V (kN)
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9.3. For class A mechanical coupling devices or components, including towing brackets:

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 M1 <sup>(2)</sup> 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 <sup>(1)</sup>

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 manufacturers documentation

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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.:  
See manufacturers documentation
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 : 04.10.2022
15. Number of test report : 06-00144-CX-GBM-08
16. Approval mark position : Type plate on the right side of the coupling mechanism
17. Reason(s) for extension of approval : increase D-value,  
add new variants
18. Approval : ~~granted~~/extended/~~refused~~/~~withdrawn~~<sup>(1)</sup>
19. Place : Zoetermeer
20. Date : 25 October 2022
21. Signature :

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.

23. Remarks:

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<sup>(1)</sup> Strike out what does not apply.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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](http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29wgs/wp29gen/wp29resolutions.html).

relating to the UNECE type-approval as a component of mechanical coupling devices for motor vehicles and their trailers (R55).

0. GENERAL

- 0.1. Make (trade name of manufacturer): VBG
- 0.2. Type and commercial description(s): 8040 G160  
versions: 8040 (standard manual)  
optional 8040B (B-handle manual)  
8040 PA (with air actuator)  
8040 AM (with air mechanism)  
4140D-3 (standard manual)  
optional 4140D-3 (B-handle manual)  
4140D-3 PA (with air actuator)  
4140D-3 AM (with air mechanism)
- 0.5. Name and address of manufacturer: VBG GROUP AB  
Herman Kreftings gata 4  
S-462 28 Vänersborg  
Sweden
- 0.7. Location and method of affixing of the ECE approval mark:  
Type plate mounted on the upper side of the coupling jaw
- 0.8. Address(es) of assembly plant(s): VBG GROUP TRUCK EQUIPMENT AB  
Tenggrenstorpsvägen 11  
S-462 28 Vänersborg  
Sweden

1. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DRAWING VEHICLES AND TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS

- 1.1. Detailed technical description (including drawings and material specifications) of the type of the mechanical coupling device:  
Automatic rubber buffered drawbar coupling intended for standard drawbar eye 40 mm.  
Overall dimensions: See enclosed data drawing.  
Drawings and material specifications: See enclosed list.
- 1.2. Class and type of coupling device(s): S Non-standard miscellaneous coupling devices
- 1.3. Maximum D-value: 140 kN  
Dc-value: - - - kN
- 1.4. Maximum vertical load S at the coupling point: 0 kg (\*)
- 1.5. Maximum load U at the fifth wheel coupling: not applicable
- 1.6. Maximum V-value: - - - kN
- 1.7. Instructions for attachment of the coupling type to the vehicle, additional information regarding restrictions of use to special types of vehicles:  
Mounting dimensions 160x100 according to ISO 3584, weight category 3.  
(\* Coupling intended only for hinged  
See enclosed mounting instructions.
- 1.8. Information on the fitting of special towing brackets or mounting plates:  
Not applicable