

## Freight Car Vehicle Brake System as A Traffic Safety Promoter in accordance with JBB in The Era of Technology Disruption

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**ABSTRACT:** This present study focused on the discussion of braking system in vehicle with JBB (the allowed amount of weight). This study attempts (1) to know what type of braking system used by freight and commercial vehicle in accordance to JBB (2) to know the way to minimize the number of accidents due to brake failure in Indonesia. This present study, lasted from March 27 to April 14 2021, was a descriptive quantitative study with two types of data: primary (JBB measurement, and questionnaire) and secondary data (traffic accident data from KNKT). Regarding to the first research question, it was revealed that 11 out of 11 vehicles with JBB below 3500 kg used fluid-braking system. Meanwhile, from 7/11 vehicles with JBB above 3500 used air-braking system and 4/11 used fluid-braking system. The Mean Value of braking system efficiency showed that air-braking system was more efficient than fluid-braking system ( $M_{fluid} = 1548.75 < M_{air} = 2071.1$ ) in vehicle with JBB above 3500 kg. The result of questionnaire to 22 drivers were similar. 10 respondents admitting to have brake problem were 6 full hydraulic braking system users, 3 air-brake users and 1 air over hydraulic user. In addition, data of traffic accident 2017-2021 confirmed that there were more accidents involving full hydraulic braking system vehicles (11/11 accidents) than full air braking system (11/26 accidents). These second result offered some promotive and preventive way to minimize the number of accidents due to the brake failures such as (1) Checking the feasibility of braking system regularly, and (2) repairing the damaged part of braking system. **Key Words:** *braking-system, Freight Vehicle, full-hydraulic-braking system, full-air-braking system, JBB (the allowed amount of weight)*

### INTISARI

Penelitian ini membahas tentang sistem pengereman pada kendaraan dengan Jumlah Berat yang Diperbolehkan (JBB). Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk (1) mengetahui jenis sistem pengereman yang digunakan untuk angkutan barang dan kendaraan niaga sesuai dengan JBB (2) untuk mengetahui cara meminimalisir kecelakaan akibat kerusakan rem di Indonesia. Penelitian yang berlangsung dari tanggal 27 Maret sampai dengan 14 April ini merupakan penelitian deskriptif kuantitatif dengan dua jenis data yakni data primer (pengukuran JBB, dan kuesioner) dan data sekunder (data kecelakaan antar dari KNKT). Terkait dengan tujuan penelitian pertama, terungkap bahwa 11 dari 11 kendaraan dengan JBB dibawah 3500 kg menggunakan sistem pengereman fluida, sedangkan 7

dari 11 kendaraan JBB diatas 3500 kg menggunakan sistem pengereman udara dan 4/11 menggunakan sistem pengereman air. Nilai rata-rata efisiensi rem menunjukkan bahwa sistem pengereman udara lebih efisien dibandingkan sistem pengereman air ( $M_{fluid} = 1548.75 < M_{air} = 2071.1$ ). Hasil tersebut didukung oleh hasil kuesioner pada 22 responden. 10 responden yang memiliki masalah pada rem adalah 6 pengguna rem air, 3 pengguna rem udara, dan 1 pengguna rem air dan fluida. Selain itu, data kecelakaan tahun 2017-2021 menunjukkan bahwa lebih banyak kecelakaan yang melibatkan kendaraan dengan rem fluida (11/11 kecelakaan) dibandingkan dengan kendaraan dengan rem angin (11/26 kecelakaan). Hasil kedua memberikan cara promotive dan pencegahan untuk meminimalisir angka kecelakaan akibat kerusakan rem seperti (1) memeriksa kelayakan sistem pengereman secara berkala, dan (2) memperbaiki bagian sistem pengereman yang rusak

**Kata Kunci:** *Sistem Pengereman, Kendaraan Angkutan, Sistem Pengereman Hidrolik, Sistem Pengereman Udara, JBB (Jumlah Berat yang Diperbolehkan)*

## I. INTRODUCTION

Roadmap to Zero Accident (2011-2020), a UN transportation resolution signed by more than 100 countries, has been one of the agendas of the Ministry of Transportation to reduce the number of accidents in Indonesia. However, it is still unreachably (Transportasi.co, 2015). A fact was revealed by the Korps Lalu Lintas Kepolisian Republik Indonesia (Korlantas Polri) that in 2017 there were 3 people die from traffic accidents every 1 hour (Marolli, 2017, August 22). In addition, in 2019 there were 8.877 cases of road accidents which was higher than the number of accidents in 2009 with 5,903 cases (Fundrika & Nainggolan, 2020, September 29).

Traffic accidents are caused by various factors, one of which is the vehicle factor. The vehicle factor contributing to most accident was the failure of the braking system. In 2018 there were 9,333 incidents (or 25 incidents per day) due to the brake failure (Kumpanan, 2019). Brake failure, according to Danandjaya (2020, August 25), is commonly occurred in freight vehicle. Abrupted use of brakes and maladjusted types of brakes on certain vehicles that are not in accordance with the JBB can cause a failure of the brake system. JBB or the allowed amount of weight is the maximum weight of motorized vehicle and cargo according to its design. (Chapter 1 No 16 Peraturan Pemerintah No. 55 year 2012). Unfortunately, the development of brake system (e.g., ABS, ABS Support System, and EDB) which Nayazri (2017, March 31) called as active safety features, tend to be less effective to minimize the number of accidents.

Seeing the facts, it is necessary to conduct a research on the problem of brake failure in freight vehicle in accordance to JBB. Therefore, the present study aims (1) to know what type of braking system used by freight and commercial vehicle in accordance to JBB (2) to know the way to minimize the number of accidents due to brake failure in Indonesia.

Braking system is a certain string of particular car device to strive the force on the road in the wheels (Zhiqiang Xu, 2017). Wildan (2021, March 15) explains that motorized vehicle has three common types of braking system. They are full-hydraulic braker (using hydraulic power, commonly used in small car), air overhydraulic (using hydraulic and pneumatic power, commonly used in bus and truck), and full air braking system (using pneumatic power).

There are several previous studies in this research. First is the study from Qurohman and Syarifudin (2016) who analyzed the braking load on the quality of car drum brake with Ogoshi method. The result revealed that the greater the wear and tear of the material, the smaller the value of the wear was added. However, they only examined the wear and tear of the brake lining against the load without reviewing the efficiency of the brake system with various weight.

The second research was from Sabri and Fauza (2018) which purpose was to find the attachment between the main kinematic parameters contained in the braking process such as force, distance and time in the braking process. This research showed that the vehicle had the characteristics of the braking process that tended to be the same at any speed. However, the result needed a further investigation because JBB also affects time; the heavier the vehicle, the slower its acceleration, as in train.

The last research was from Prameswari and Yohanes (2019). This study analyzed the feasibility of the braking system for use in rural multipurpose cars. This study only discussed the feasibility of braking in rural areas, without discussing what types of brakes are suitable. Because in rural areas, the high temperature in the countryside also affects the fluid. Considering the disparities of the three previous studies, this study focuses on investigating what type of brake system that fits to various type of vehicle, mainly in freight vehicles.

## II. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This present study, which lasted from March 27 to April 14 2021, is a descriptive quantitative study with two types of data (primary and secondary data). Nassaji (2015) and Loeb *et al.* (2017) defined descriptive research as research which describes a phenomenon, a population, or a situation. It answers 'what' instead of 'how'. The primary data were taken from questionnaire, and the weight measurement in UPPKB Trosobo Weigh Bridge. The secondary data, taken from the National Transportation Safety Committee (KNKT), were the data of the accident from 2017-2021. In addition, some related literatures were used as supplementary. Descriptive analysis was the method used to analyze the data.

## III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Result and discussion are divided into two sub topics; they are 'Type of Braking System in accordance to JBB' and 'Procedure to Minimize Accidents due to Brake Failure'

### A. Type of Braking System in accordance to JBB

To know the braking system in freight and commercial vehicles, the data of vehicle weight were initially collected and were ca

tegorizedintotwo(vehiclesweighedlessthan3500kgandvehicleweighedmorethan3500kg).Therewere22carunits(11carsbelow3500kgand11carsabove3500kg)assample.Then,thebrakeefficiency was measured by using this formula:  $G=50\% \times \text{Vehicle Weight}$ . The results are asseenin appendix1 and 2.

In the figure of brake efficiency in vehicles weighed less than 3500 kg (seeappendix 1), it can be seen that all 11 vehicles used full hydraulic braking system.Meanwhile,inthefigureofthesecondcategory(seeappendix2),from11vehicles,there were 7 vehicles using full air braking system and 4 vehicles using fullhydraulic braking system. To compare the efficiency between the two, Mean wascounted. The Mean in full air braking system cars (1) and in full hydraulic brakingsystemcars (2)areas follow:

$$Me = \frac{E1 + E2 + E3 + E4 + E5 + E6 + E7}{n}$$

n

Then: (1)  $Me = \frac{572 + 1983 + 2185 + 2470 + 1964 + 3165 + 2159}{7}$   
 14498

$$Me = \frac{\quad}{7}$$

7

$$Me = 2071.1$$

$$(2) Me = \frac{1964 + 1182 + 1573 + 1476}{4}$$

4

6195

$$Me = \frac{\quad}{4}$$

4

$$Me = 1548.75$$

From the Mean of the two different brake system efficiencies, it is clearly seen that in the category of vehicle weighed above 3500kg, cars with full air braking system had a higher brake efficiency compared to cars with full hydraulic braking system. Therefore, it is recommended for vehicle with above 3500kg weight to use full air braking system instead of full hydraulic braking system. This was echoed by Zhao *et al.* (2016) who stated that a vehicle with JBB above 3500kg has enough motor power to manifold air from the engine. It can be used to increase wind from the tube storage in full air braking system. Similar result was also seen from the result of questionnaires. Some questions that are indicators of good brake system areas follow:

1. Do you often lose or fail the brake pedal?

Result: 10 respondents answered 'yes': 3 full air braking system users, 1 air overhydraulic, and 6 full hydraulic braking system users. This means that for problems with the pedal component, the type of brake fluid is more dominant.

2. Are there frequent pipe leaks / fluid / wind connections in the brake system? Result: 7 respondents answered 'yes': 4 for full hydraulic braking system users, 2 combination brake users, and 1 full air braking system user. This means that for connecting problems, the type of brake fluid is more dominant. This is because the material of the pipe itself is a non-ferrous material. It is more flexible in placement, but it is easily torn.

3. When you press the brake pedal while driving, does the brake feel like it is not working?

\*The purpose of this third question is to ensure the respondent answered the first question. Result: 3 respondents answered 'yes': the 3 respondents were users of the full hydraulic braking system at JBB above 3,500kg. This means that full hydraulic braking system with a higher intensity experiences false pressure. Basically, the brake fluid on a vehicle that has a JBB tends to be large, so the oil that is expressed is also greater. Thus, the temperature is higher and will result in water bubbles that can create fake pressure.

Furthermore, data of traffic accident 2017-2021 (see appendix 3) also confirmed that 11 out of 26 accidents involving vehicles with full air braking system. This number was lower than accidents involving full hydraulic braking system (11 accidents out of 11 vehicles).

## B. Procedure to Minimize Accident due to Brake Failure

Dealing with the effort of reducing number of traffic accident, National Transportation Safety Committee (KNKT) work to investigate and to analyze each case in Indonesia. The data of traffic accident from KNKT 2017-2021 (see appendix 3) shows that brake failure still became the biggest factor contributing to accident. Therefore, all stakeholders should pay more attention to vehicle, especially on its braking system.

The numbers of accident, based on the data in appendix 5, were mostly occurred in vehicles with fluid braking system. As a result, surveillance and tence for this type of vehicle should be enhanced, for the full hydraulic braking system has a certain level of heat. This fluid, at a certain temperature will be turned into bubbles causing biased pressure.

It was confirmed by Wildan (2021) that water content exceeding threshold will cause a high pressure. This triggers the content of brake fluid to become vapor lock. Then water vapor can cause the brake to fail. As a solution, During the pre-test in vehicle testing, examiner need to check it by putting the tool into reservoir. If the parameters show red, it means the fluid does not meet the standard that is 3% out of the content.

Another alternative was proposed by Sabri (2018) that is to repair the fluid-brake. The repair procedures including the replacement of brake pads, brake fluid and to remove bias pressure in brake fluid.

The last solution is to identify the damaged components of brake system. It can be done by carrying out an inspection both visual inspection or measurement. The measurement is through comparing the maximum and the minimum brake components feasibility to standard components (Pratiko, 2015)

Apart from the above fact, although full air braking system has lower possibility to an accident, still the care and checking need to be done. Once the air leaks, the vehicle with more than 3500kg weight will be hard to control. Therefore, prevention should be

epriority. However, spring brake can be a good device to avoid brake failure in this braking system. It can overcome the hold-off of the air pressure in the secondary chamber, and the brake will automatically stop. (Jeff, *etal.*, 2014)

Then, the third type of braking system, that is air over hydraulic braking system is not common to be used in Indonesia. However, the users of this vehicle type should take an extra care of their vehicle as this brake is the combination between hydraulic and pneumatic.

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- Appendix 1 APPENDICES

**Table1.1**  
**JBBdataandvehiclebrakeefficiencybelow3500kg**

No.	No.Police	VehicleName	JBBVehicle(Kg)	Main BrakeEfficiency(Kg)
1	W8617 XH	MitsubishiL-300	2540	745
2	W8527YB	MitsubishiL-300CC	1165	294
3	L9039WC	MitsubisihiL-399FB-R	2540	951
4	W5347 RU	DaihatsuS041RP	1950	2222
5	L4512RT	SuzukiCarryPickUPWideDeck	22015	800
6	W8323 XZ	MitsubishiFE34 S	3360	752
7	W 8249P	MitsubishiFE74StandardPick Up	1760	572
8	W8254 XR	MitsubishiT120SSWayWide deck	2540	702
9	W9703 NY	DaihatsuS91	1655	652
10	W8953 YES	ToyotaWU342R	2520	1537
11	S8157NH	MitsubishiFE34 S	3360	1848

- Appendix 2

**Table1.2**  
**JBBdataandvehiclebrakeefficiencyabove3500kg**

- Appendix 3

No.	No.Police	Transportationtype	JbbVehicle	BrakeEfficiency
1	AE90933 BE	MitsubishiFM215F	14030	572
2	AD1529 PU	IsuzuNMR71TSD	8250	1983
3	W9003 NZ	ToyotaBU 303R	7500	2185
4	W9004NZ	ToyotaWU 342R	7750	2470
5	L8013RY	MitsubishiFE334	7000	1964
6	L15698NV	ToyotaBU 34 ETS	7500	3615
7	S84979S	ToyotaWU34 HTS	8250	21599
8	S815NH	ColtDieselFE74S	7500	1964
9	W 9877 BH	IsuzuNHR55	5100	1182
10	L1879EP	Toyota342R	5200	1573
11	AE9895 EH	Mitsubishi2008	5150	1476

**Table1.3**  
**Data ofAccidentsfor2017-2021 sourcedfromKNKT**



No.	Vehicle	BrakeSystemUsed	Factors CausingAccidents
1	BA8146-QUTankCar	Full air braking system	Fullair braking system
2	AKAPBUS	Full air brakingsystem	Fullairbrakingsystem
3	AKAPBUSAD-1666-CF	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
4	DUMP TRUCKB-9410-UIU	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
5	TANKTRAILERTRUCKB9851SHE	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
6	AKAPBUSH.1469.CB	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
7	PERSONALPASSENGERCAR	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
8	ELFE-7027-KACAR	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
9	AKAPBUSPO.DJATIKRAMAT	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
10	BUSA7520 CS	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
11	TANKITRUCKSNOE9890YES	CombineBrake	CombineBrake
12	BUSBK-7136-FY	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
13	TIBANINTENBUS	Full air brakingsystem	OtherCauses
14	MAXIBUSBM-7524-JU	Full air braking system	Othercauses
15	TANKTRAILERTRUCK L-8121-UF	Full air braking system	Fullair braking system
16	TrontonTruckH1996 CZ	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
17	MIRABUSS-7526-US	Full air braking system	othercauses
18	TRAILERCARB 9013TEA	Full air brakingsystem	othercauses
19	DUMP TRUCKB9167	Full air braking system	othercauses
20	CARELFE-7548-PB	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
21	TOURISMBUSF7959 AA	Full air braking system	Fullair braking system
22	DUMPTRUCKSDA1983TN	Full air braking	OtherCauses

		system	
23	T-9580-Etanksemitrailertruck	Full air braking system	Full air braking system
24	METROMINIBUSMB7921EM	Full air brakingsystem	OtherCauses
25	CARPICKUPBL-8158	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
26	BUSTRANSK1515 EX	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
27	AVANZAT-1316-SL	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
28	SEMITRAILERH-1636-BP	Full air braking system	Full air braking system
29	TRUCKCRANE N9065 UA	Full air braking system	Full air braking system
30	MASMEDALBUSN-7130-UA	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
31	BUSROSALIAAD.1505 AU	Full air braking system	Full air braking system
32	MINIBUSISUZUELFS-7485-N	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
33	DAIHATSUGRANMAXB-9092-PCM	Full air braking system	OtherCauses
34	TANKITRAILERTRUCKB-9283-UU	Full air brakingsystem	Fullairbrakingsystem
35	HINOFM260JD	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
36	TANKITRAILERTRUCKB-9283-UU	Full air braking system	Full air braking system
37	LBUSELF-R-1724-EA	Fullhydraulicbraking system	Full hydraulic brakingsystem
38	TANKISEMITRAILERTRUCKSB-9195-SHE	Full air braking system	Full air braking system

• Appendix 4

