

Vehicle inspectors bulletin



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New vehicles modified to a campervan or motorhome

Purpose

1. To alert Authorised Unregistered Vehicle Inspection Station (AUVIS) and Heavy Vehicle Authorised Inspection Station (HVAIS) examiners to the requirements for a new vehicle that has undergone a modification to a campervan or motorhome.
2. To provide instructions on how to inspect these vehicles.

Introduction

Effective as of 1 December 2006, NSW authorised inspection stations will not accept any type of new vehicle that has undergone a modification to a campervan or motorhome unless it has fitted a second stage of manufacture compliance (identification) plate.

Background

The registration requirements for campervans and motorhomes are set out in Federal Legislation - the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*.

The Federal Department of Transport and Regional Services (DOTARS) *Administrative Circular 0-4-12 Issue 4* of June 2005 clearly sets out these legislative requirements.

Conversion of new vehicles to campervans and motorhomes prior to being registered is classified by DOTARS as a second stage of manufacture and consequently an application must be made to them to obtain approval.

A correctly approved vehicle will be issued with a second stage of manufacture compliance (identification) plate and cause the issue of a road vehicle descriptor sheet (RVD). The plate is attached to the vehicle and the RVD sheet describes in detail the specifications of the newly created vehicle.

For	■ AUVIS Proprietors & Examiners	■ HVAIS Proprietors & Examiners	■ Engineering Signatories
cc	■ RTA Inspectors Vehicle Regulation	■ RTA Registry Service Managers	

Second stage of manufacture compliance (identification) plates are fitted under the authority of a valid compliance plate approval issued under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* and the requirements apply to all vehicles first supplied to the market, whether a one-off, or series production.

Obtaining an engineering report from an RTA recognised engineering signatory for this type of conversion is not a substitute for a second stage of manufacture compliance (identification) plate, where the conversion is carried out on a new vehicle not yet supplied to the market for use in transport.

Previously registered vehicles

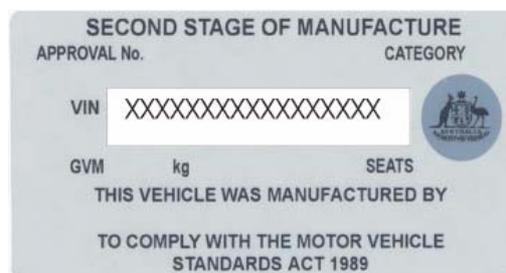
The existing NSW arrangements where used vehicles may be converted to campervans or motorhomes using an engineering report from a recognised signatory as proof of continuing compliance with the relevant Australian Design Standards do not change.

Inspection procedures

A new vehicle re-manufactured as a campervan or motorhome requires a 'second stage of manufacture identification plate'.

When inspecting these vehicles:

1. Check to ensure a 'second stage of manufacture' plate is affixed to the vehicle.
2. If the plate is affixed, conduct registration inspection.



The absence of the second stage of manufacture plate is a 'Reason for rejection' under the *Rules for Authorised Inspection Stations*.

Implementation date

1 December 2006.

Contact details for additional information

Information on the issuing of identification plates and vehicle certification in Australia:

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