

# ETB01: Engineering technical bulletins

## Engineering Technical Bulletins

### Introduction

Engineering Technical Bulletins (ETBs) are developed by the Engineering and Vehicle Standards unit of the Northern Territory (NT) Motor Vehicle Registry to provide consistent communication and advice to NT recognised engineering signatories who carry out engineering assessment and certification on modified and imported vehicles in the NT.

ETBs are intended to outline or help explain various NT policy and procedures with regard to vehicle standards and regulations as well as providing other related information in cases where clarification may be required.

ETBs are intended to be used for providing:

- technical information regarding roadworthiness and vehicle safety standards
- interpretation and changes to vehicle modification rules & regulations
- general communication with engineering signatories.

ETBs may also be used by officers appointed to perform vehicle inspections on in-service and imported vehicles presenting for first registration within the NT (Transport Inspectors and Police Outstation Officers).

All modifications to in-service vehicles in the NT must comply with applicable Northern Territory legislation, including the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949* and Regulations, as well as relevant *Australian Design Rules (ADRs)*. Modifications are to be carried out in accordance with recognised national codes of practice, including Vehicle Standards Bulletin 14 (VSB 14) and Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6 (VSB 6), ensuring continued compliance with the intent of the applicable standards.

Modifications must not adversely affect the safety, performance, or compliance of original vehicle system, including OEM-installed features such as Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), braking, steering, and occupant protection systems. Where modifications interact with these systems, their functionality must be maintained or appropriately validated to ensure the vehicle continues to meet applicable safety and regulatory requirements.

### More Information

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