

# Light Vehicle Inspection Manual

## Appendix C Modified Vehicles

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Modified vehicles must continue to comply with:

- The NT *Motor Vehicles Act 1949* and Regulations.
- Applicable Australian Design Rules.
- Standards of structural soundness in design and construction.
- Applicable environmental standards (noise and exhaust emissions).
- Applicable Codes or Standards to which the vehicle was modified or constructed to comply with (i.e. Street Rod Code).

Vehicle owners are obliged to:

- Ensure their vehicle is roadworthy.
- Ensure that any modifications are legal, safe and do not affect the vehicle's compliance with applicable ADRs (this can be achieved through modifications being conducted in accordance with published national codes of practice).
- Advise the MVR if modifications have been made to a vehicle.

Consequences of unapproved modifications may:

- Affect compliance with roadworthy standards.
- Affect the safety of vehicle occupants and other road users.
- Affect vehicle warranty.
- Affect any claim for insurance.

### Modification approval pathways

Refer to Information Bulletin V32(lv) Light Vehicle Modification - <https://nt.gov.au/driving/industry/vehicle-information-bulletins-and-forms>

### How to check a modified vehicle

Where a vehicle appears non-standard, check whether the vehicle has a Certificate of Modification, or has a Modification Plate attached (normally under the bonnet).

If the vehicle has either of these, check whether the vehicle modifications match those shown on the certificate or correspond with the codes on the plate.

If the vehicle's modifications do not match those listed on the certificate, or the codes shown on the modification plate, refer the owner to the MVR Vehicle Standards and Compliance Section, or contact the MVR for advice.

**An Authorised Inspector may inspect vehicles which have modifications that match the details on the modification certificate or plate providing the vehicle registration certificate is not restricted to "MVR Inspect Only".**

**“MVR Inspect Only”**

Approved modified vehicles that have undergone modifications affecting major structural components, or vehicles that have undergone engine capacity/power increases that may impact on the vehicle structural sub-systems or components may have an **'MVR Inspect Only'** restriction on the registration or modification certificate.

This requirement is to ensure affected sub-systems are carefully scrutinised during annual inspections as part of the NT modified vehicle scheme.

**These vehicles may only be inspected by a Transport Inspector at a Vehicle Standards Centre.**

For clarification of any issues relating to modified vehicles, contact your nearest MVR Vehicle Standards and Compliance Section.

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