

VIB02: New vehicles manufactured under a Second Stage of Manufacturer (SSM) or modified under VSB 6

Vehicle Inspectors Bulletin

Purpose

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide guidance for vehicle inspectors when documenting vehicle information on vehicle inspection reports and on the vehicle registration database for new vehicles seeking first registration in the NT where the vehicle has been manufactured under the Commonwealth Second Stage of Manufacture (SSM) scheme or modified in accordance with Vehicle Standards Bulletin (VSB) 6 *Heavy Vehicle Modifications*.

Background

SSM:

Factory-new vehicles (i.e. not yet used in transport) that have undergone modifications that affect the vehicle's original compliance to Australian Design Rules (ADRs) (such as changes to seating capacity, vehicle ratings, body, chassis or driveline conversions, etc.) must be fitted with a Second Stage of Manufacture (SSM) Identification Plate/Label Approval (SSM compliance plate/label) by the second stage vehicle modifier/manufacturer.

The approval to fit SSM compliance plates/labels is granted by the Commonwealth department responsible for road vehicles under the Second Stage of Manufacture (SSM) scheme. Section 14 of the Commonwealth *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* makes it an offence to supply a non-standard new vehicle to the market. A non-standard vehicle is a vehicle which has been modified and no longer complies with the original approval given by the Commonwealth as detailed on the original compliance plate/label.

For further information on SSM, refer to Commonwealth Administrators Circular 0-4-6 Certification of Vehicles which have undergone a Second Stage of Manufacture. <http://rvcs-prodweb.dot.gov.au/>

VSB_6:

Prior to first registration, vehicles modified in accordance with Vehicle Standards Bulletin (VSB) 6 *Heavy Vehicle Modifications* may be accepted in lieu of SSM requirements where adequate engineering certification is provided. Under this arrangement, heavy vehicles will require a modification plate – light vehicles may be fitted with a modification plate.

Requirement

For first registration, modified new vehicles must be:

1. fitted with a SSM compliance plate/label; or
2. certified and plated (jurisdictional modification plate, where applicable) to VSB 6.

Action

Vehicle Inspectors approved to carry out compliance checks on new vehicles must not pass a modified new vehicle for first registration unless an SSM compliance plate/label is fitted.

Where certification to VSB 6 applies, refer to a department Transport Inspector or the department Vehicle Standards Section (telephone 8924 7157 – email vehiclestandards.mvr@nt.gov.au)

Documentation

SSM compliance plate/label

Information on a SSM compliance plate/label takes precedence over the original vehicle manufacturer's compliance plate/label.

The modifier is the new vehicle manufacturer. Details on the SSM compliance plate/label are the details necessary for the vehicle inspection report and the vehicle registration record.



In this example, the information from the SSM compliance plate/label for the vehicle inspection report and the vehicle registration record is as follows:

Description	Details
Make:	ABC
Model:	Delta 300GXL
Approval No:	12345
VIN:	6ABCDEF0123456789
Category:	NA
Date of Manufacture:	06/2017

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Where an SSM compliance plate/label is fitted:

1. NO modified vehicle application is required
2. NO modification certificate is required
3. NO notes are required for the vehicle registration record.

VSB 6 certification

VSB 6 certification provided by a recognised engineering signatory must be assessed by the Vehicle Standards Section in the first instance.

New vehicles modified by local modifiers - who are approved to undertake modifications under a type-approval arrangement in accordance with VSB 6 - provide an alternative modification approval pathway.

Matrix

	SSM Second compliance plate/label		VSB 6 certification	
	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle	Light vehicle	Heavy vehicle
Is a modified vehicle application required?	No	No	No	2
Is a modified vehicle certificate issued?	No	No	1	2
Is a modification plate required?	No	No	No	2
Are notes required to be added on the vehicle registration record?	No	No	Yes	2
	1 Non-standard vehicle modification certificate issued by modifier			
	2 Refer to Vehicle Standards Section			

For more information contact the department Vehicle Standards Section on 08 8924 7157 or email vehiclestandards.mvr@nt.gov.au