

Vehicle Examiners



Introduction

This bulletin provides revised procedures for inspecting imported vehicles, with no previous Tasmanian registration history, for registration.

Previous registration history means the vehicle's primary identifier (chassis number or Vehicle Identification Number) being recorded on the Tasmanian Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers.

Background

Implementation of the Australian Government Road Vehicle Standards Legislation and the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) required a review of the procedures for inspecting imported vehicles for first time registration.

The procedures described in this SIB have been developed to support vehicles imported and entered on the RAV, and those still eligible under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989*. These procedures replace those in the Light Vehicle Approved Inspection Station Procedures Manual (LVAISPM) that will be amended at next scheduled revision.

The following requirements are in addition to applicable Reasons for Rejection contained in the Light Vehicle Inspection Manual (LVIM).

The inspection procedures differ slightly depending on the import pathway, vehicle type and age.

Actions:

When inspecting imported vehicles without evidence of the vehicle's primary identifier being recorded on the Tasmanian Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers the following revised procedures apply.

These procedures replace those currently contained in chapter 8 of the LVAISPM.

When inspecting an imported vehicle with no previous Tasmanian registration history, the VE must sight the entire Australian Government import approval document relevant to the vehicle, generally 5 pages.

It is the responsibility of the client to provide the Approved Inspection Station (AIS) with a copy of the Australian Government's import approval documents applicable to the vehicle.

When recording the month/year of an imported vehicle, that is not a New Low Volume Import, the Vehicle Examiner must record the "Build date" (also referred to as the "date of manufacture") and not "Date of Compliance/RAV entry date". This is listed after the make and model of the vehicle on the identification plate, or for a vehicle listed on the RAV as entered under the Build

Date section. For pre 1989 vehicles, this information can be sourced from import documentation or other appropriate sources.

Where a month of manufacture cannot be determined, the default month of December always applies. The only exception to this is where the vehicle was manufactured in the same year that you are inspecting it. In this instance, record the month of manufacture as the month of your inspection.

Vehicles imported under a Road Vehicle Standards Act (RVSA) approval.

When inspecting vehicles entered on the RAV under a Concessional pathway, the date of manufacture for registration purposes is the build date recorded on the applicable RAV entry.

For the following Concessional RAV pathways (except Concessional-RAWS), the VE must view the “Concessional RAV Entry Approval” documentation provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts applicable to the vehicle. Where Attachment A2 of the documentation identifies specified conditions (other than VIN marking requirements or the vehicle being added to the RAV within 48 hours), the VE must contact Vehicle Standards Unit (6166 3263) for further assistance.

Concessional - Personal Effects pathway

Note, vehicles imported under this concessional pathway with a manufactured date 1 January 1989 onwards, must have a modification plate affixed identifying at least modification code LO3.

Vehicles imported under the RVSA Personal Effects pathway will not have a Personally Imported Vehicle identification plate (compliance plate) affixed.

The procedure to inspect the vehicles is.

1. The VE conducts a pre-registration inspection.
2. VE ensures the vehicle identifier on the approval document matches (in full) that affixed to the vehicle. Where the identifiers do not match, the VE must contact Vehicle Standards Unit for further advice.
3. VE ensures the vehicle is entered on the RAV with an entry pathway identifying “Personal effects”. Where the vehicle is not on the RAV or the pathway differs, the VE must contact Vehicle Standards Unit.
4. For vehicles with a build date prior to January 1989, the VE completes the appropriate imported vehicle checklist located in the LVAISPM. Note, LO3 certification is not required for these vehicles.
5. For vehicles manufactured 1 January 1989 onwards, the VE must ensure the vehicle has an applicable modification plate affixed identifying modification code LO3. Where LO3 is not included on a modification plate is a reason for rejection.
6. The VE completes the pre-registration inspection and where the vehicle meets applicable procedures and roadworthy requirements, the VE passes the vehicle.

Sample RAV entry – Personal effects

VIN: MMAJJKK1100123456

RAV Date of Entry	Entry Pathway Sub-Category	Approval Number	Make	Model	Build Date	Seats	Authorised by Name
06/09/2021	Concessional – Personal effects	CRE-000000	NISSAN	TESTING	1/2019	5	Aus Gov

Concessional – Older vehicle pathway

Note, motor vehicles manufactured 1 January 1989 onwards and imported under this concessional pathway must bear a modification plate identifying modification code LOI (ADR compliance). Where no modification plate is affixed, this is a reason for rejection.

The procedure to inspect these vehicles is as follows.

1. The VE conducts a pre-registration inspection and,
2. VE ensures the vehicle identifier on the approval document matches (in full) that affixed to the vehicle. Where the identifiers do not match, the VE must contact Vehicle Standards Unit (61663263) for further advice.
3. VE ensures the vehicle is entered on the RAV with an entry pathway identifying “Older vehicle”. Where the vehicle is not entered or the pathway differs, the VE must contact Vehicle Standards Unit.
4. For vehicles with a build date prior to January 1989, the VE is to complete the ‘Checklist for imported vehicles manufactured prior to 1 January 1989’, located in the LVAISPM.
5. For a vehicle manufactured 1 January 1989 onwards, the VE must ensure the vehicle has an appropriate modification plate affixed identifying at least modification code LOI, where there is no modification plate affixed, is a reason for rejection.
6. The VE completes the pre-registration inspection and where the vehicle meets applicable procedures and roadworthy requirements the VE passes the vehicle.

Sample RAV entry – Older vehicle

VIN: MMAJJKK1100123456

RAV Date of Entry	Entry Pathway Sub-Category	Approval Number	Make	Model	Build Date	Seats	Authorised by Name
06/09/2021	Concessional – Older vehicle	CRE-000000	PORSCHE	993	1/2019	4	Aus Gov

Concessional – RAWs pathway

The procedure to inspect vehicles under this concessional pathway is as follows.

1. The VE conducts a pre-registration inspection.

2. VE ensures the vehicle identifier on the approval document matches (in full) that affixed to the vehicle. Where the identifiers do not match the VE must contact Vehicle Standards Unit (61663263) for further advice.
3. VE ensures the vehicle is entered on the RAV with an entry pathway identifying “RAWS”. Where it is not listed, or the pathway differs, the VE must contact Vehicle Standards Unit.
4. The VE completes the pre-registration inspection and where the vehicle meets applicable procedures and roadworthy requirements the VE passes the vehicle.

Sample RAV entry - RAWS

RAWS – Specialist & Enthusiast Vehicle

RAV Date of Entry	Entry Pathway Sub-Category	Approval Number	Approval Holder	VCC	Make	Model	Build Date	Tare (kg)	Power (kW)	Seats	Authorised by Name
16/02/2022	Concessional – RAWS – Specialist & Enthusiast Vehicle	CRE-014669	The RAW holder here	MA	TOYOTA	CROWN	12/2006	1500	234	4	RAW PTY LTD

Vehicles imported under a Motor Vehicle Standards Act (MVSA) approval.

Vehicles built before 1 January 1989.

Imported vehicles with a build date prior to 1 January 1989 do not require an import identification plate. However, they must still comply with applicable standards for registration. The procedure to inspect these vehicles is.

1. The VE conducts a pre-registration inspection of the vehicle and completes the ‘Checklist for imported vehicles manufactured (build date) prior to 1 January 1989’, located in the LVAISPM.
2. The VE is to ensure the vehicle’s chassis number is directly marked into a substantial part of its frame or chassis.
 - Where there is no chassis number present on the vehicle or the chassis number differs from that provided in the import approval documents, this is a reason for rejection. The vehicle is required to be subject to an identity inspection conducted by the Department’s Transport, Safety and Investigation Unit.
 - Where the chassis number is appropriately marked, the VE completes the pre-registration inspection. Where the vehicle meets applicable roadworthy requirements, the VE passes the vehicle.

New low volume imported vehicles.



For imported vehicles with a Low volume import identification plate (green plate) affixed, the following applies.

1. The VE conducts a pre-registration inspection of the vehicle ensuring the VIN directly marked into the vehicle matches that on the Low Volume plate.
2. Where the vehicle meets applicable procedures and roadworthy requirements, the VE passes the vehicle.

Note: When inspecting these vehicles with a label affixed, you must record the “Date of Compliance” as identified on the label. In the example above the date of compliance is 10/99.

Personally Imported Vehicles



For vehicles imported under a MVSA import approval as a personally imported vehicle and presented for first time registration, the following applies.

1. For vehicles with an applicable ‘Personally Imported Vehicle’ label affixed, the VE conducts a normal roadworthy inspection and also completes the applicable imported vehicle checklist. Where the vehicle meets relevant requirements, the VE passes the vehicle.
2. For vehicles with no ‘Personally Imported Vehicle’ label affixed, this is a reason for rejection. In these instances, the vehicle is required to be entered on the RAV.

Note: For a personally imported vehicle, you must always record the vehicles build date and not the ‘issued’ date identified on the plate/label.

All vehicles imported under the MVSA Personal Import Scheme require a personal import identification plate. From 1 July 2023 (end of the RVSA transitional arrangements) these plates/labels are no longer issued.

Registered Automotive Workshop Scheme (RAWS)



For vehicles imported under a RAWS MVSA import approval and presented for first time registration, the following applies.

1. For vehicles with an applicable 'Used Import Plate' affixed, the VE conducts a normal roadworthy inspection and completes the 'Checklist for imported vehicles manufactured after 1 January 1989'. Where the vehicle meets relevant roadworthy requirements, the VE passes the vehicle.
2. For vehicles with no 'Used Import Plate' affixed, this is a reason for rejection. In these instances, the vehicle is required to be entered on the RAV.

Note: When inspecting these vehicles with a label affixed, date of manufacture for registration purposes is the vehicle build date and not date of compliance. You must record the "build date" as identified on the label. In the example above the build date is 1986. As no month is nominated in this example, the default month of 12 is applied. The intent is to accurately reflect the vehicles age.

Motorcycles

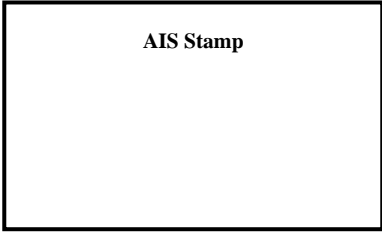
All motorcycles imported into Australia are subject to the same rules as motor vehicles with the same procedures applying. The only exception is motorcycles imported under the RVSA personal effects pathway do not require LO3 certification.

Identity Inspections

Where Vehicle Standards Unit or AIS Compliance identify an identity inspection is required, the LVAIS is to advise the client these inspections are conducted by the Department's Transport, Safety and Investigation Officers. These inspections are conducted at no charge and are by appointment only. To make a booking the client must call the Government Contact Centre on 1300 13 55 13 (not Vehicle Standards Unit). The LVAIS also advises the client when attending, the owner/presenter will need to provide the failed "AA" inspection report and copies of the import approval documentation.

Questions?

Any further questions regarding this Special Information Bulletin should be directed to Vehicle Standards by email at vehicle.standards@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or by phone on 6166 3263.



Declaration

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Signed: **Name:**

Date:/...../2023

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