



CI-125B

Vehicle Safety and Standards Circular to Industry

Change of a Monocoque Body Shell

Re-bodying Damaged Monocoque Constructed Australian Vehicles Using a Replacement Body Shell

Each application is assessed on an individual basis. No blanket approvals will be granted.

- A written submission with detailed information is required outlining the proposed makeup of the vehicles to be used.

NOTE: Where a damaged vehicle is registered as a **Statutory Write Off** on the national register the vehicle can only be used for wrecking as component parts, the body and vehicle identification number are no longer valid, subsequently is not eligible for a re-body repair. Any donor or recipient vehicle that has been **Immersed in Water** is not eligible.

Please note: Consideration will only be given to applications where both the donor and recipient vehicles are complete irrespective of amount of damage. A preliminary onsite inspection of the damaged vehicle by a Technical Analyst may be required prior to issue of preliminary approval.

- It must be clearly understood **prior to commencement** of this type of project that written approval must be obtained from the Vehicle Safety & Standards (VSS).
- Where activities to conduct this type of repair have commenced prior to approval being granted approval may not subsequently be granted.
- It is the policy of the department that at least **50%** of the damaged vehicle components must be able to be utilised e.g. motor/transmission, drive line and some body panels in the re-bodied application, an assessment will be made by the Coordinator or Analyst upon inspection.

- Information submitted must include **Make; Model, Year, Engine and Chassis/ VIN numbers** of both vehicles, photograph of damaged vehicle (3/4 view of front 3/4 view of rear). Copies of documentation relating to the purchase of vehicles and components

Failure to satisfy the criteria required by the Department of Transport (DoT) may result in unnecessary delay in processing such applications and/or refusal to the request.

- As part of any approval a rebuilt damaged vehicle requires **new seat belts to be fitted**

Safety equipment (i.e. SRS air bags) if fitted originally in damaged vehicle must be fitted in the rebuilt vehicle to maintain the same safety standard offered by the vehicle manufacturer. Any air bags that may have been deployed will require to be replaced with **new air bags**.

A written report from the vehicle manufacturer's agent will be required confirming the air bags are fully operational.

The engine assembly must be that which was supplied as original equipment for the donor vehicle. All emission control devices must be fitted and be operational.

Although the vehicle is to comply with Australian Design Rules (ADR's), the body shell is considered the major component in determining the category associated in licensing the vehicle.

Condition codes "302" & "304" where applicable will be endorsed on the registration paper, which identifies the history and origin of the vehicle for licensing purposes.

Condition Codes:

- 302** Vehicle exempted from fitment of compliance plate.
- 304** Reconstructed vehicle.

It is not permitted to affix the manufacturer's or compliance plates from the Australian body shell to the rebuilt vehicle unless approved by the VSS; where not approved both plates must be surrendered to the Coordinator Technical Policy & Services prior to letter of approval for registration being issued.

A DoT surrogate VIN will be issued in lieu of the original chassis number/VIN this is to identify the history of the vehicle.

Upon receipt of all the relevant information an assessment will be made of your request and advised accordingly of the decision in writing.

The following provides an overview of the 4 steps to getting your repairable written-off vehicle licensed. Detailed instructions are provided on the DoT website link below:

www.transport.wa.gov.au/licensing/license-a-repairable-written-off-vehicle.asp

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