

## Write-off Definitions

### STATUTORY WRITE-OFF

This is a motor vehicle or motorcycle that has been so severely damaged that it should not be repaired and should only be used for parts. A statutory write-off cannot be re-registered and the Vehicle Identification Number [VIN] cannot be re-used. Caravans and trailers cannot be classified as statutory write-offs.

Where a damaged motor vehicle or damaged motorcycle is considered to be a total loss [except for stripped vehicles] and it has any of the following damage types it is to be classified as a statutory write-off.

#### 1. Impact Damage in three or more of the five indicators in the table below.

Note: The use of the term *Impact Damage* is intended to mean damage that is obvious and was caused directly by heavy impact with some solid object during a severe crash event.

Where damage sustained to the:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any damage to the suspension. This does not include minor suspension damage of the type and severity that might be incurred in "normal" driving by hitting potholes or kerbs, etc.</li> <li>Damage to mechanical components such as engine blocks, transmission cases and axle housings. This type of damage will have typically deformed, cracked or broken one or more of these components.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roof [turret] is 300mm x 300mm or more</li> <li>Floor pan [cabin area] is 300mm x 300mm or more</li> <li>Firewall is 300mm x 300mm or more</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Motorcycle impact damage</b> - Where a motorcycle has suspension damage and two areas of structural frame damage [excluding scratching damage] the motorcycle is to be classified as a statutory write-off.</p>	

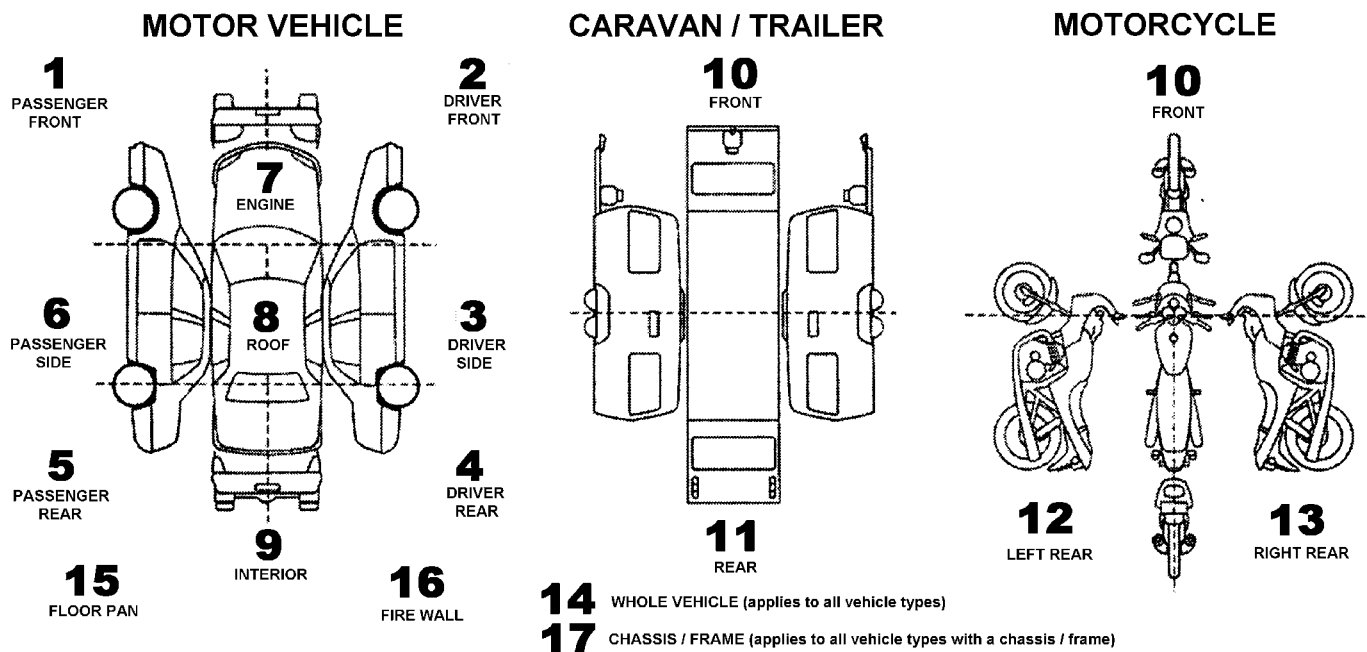
- Fire Damage** – when the vehicle is burnt to such an extent that it is only fit for wrecking or scrap.
- Theft / Malicious Damage / Vehicle Stripped** – where the vehicle is damaged, dismantled or stripped of all or a combination of most exterior and interior body parts, panels and components such as wheels, bonnet, guards, doors, boot lid etc. and is uneconomical to repair, or if the vehicle is to be disposed of in an un-repaired state and the cost of repairs would be more than 20% of its pre-incident value.
- Water Damage** – when a motor vehicle is immersed in salt water above the level of the door sill for any period or a motorcycle is fully immersed in salt water for any period OR when a motor vehicle is immersed in fresh water up to the dashboard/steering wheel for more than two days [48 hours] or a motorcycle is fully immersed in fresh water for the same period.

A MORE DETAILED SET OF GUIDELINES FOR THE STATUTORY WRITE-OFF CRITERIA IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://www.carsafe.com.au/swo> (tbc)

### REPAIRABLE WRITE-OFF

This is a vehicle that is a total loss but does not meet the criteria for a STATUTORY WRITE-OFF.

## Damage Location Codes



## Damage Severity Codes

A - Heavy Panel (replace panels)	J - Major vandalism (interior parts, external panels)
B - Light Panel (repairable, traditional or paintless)	K - Minor vandalism (wheels, radio, damaged locks)
C - Heavy structural	L - Full salt water water immersion
D - Light structural	M - Full fresh water water immersion
F - Major engine damage	N - Burnt
G - Minor engine damage	O - Smoke and heat (minor engine fire or minor interior exposed to external heat source)
H - Major stripping (interior parts, external panels)	P - Minor smoke (smoke and/or soot damage to the interior)
I - Minor stripping (wheels, radio damaged locks)	