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Passenger Side Pedal Controls for Driver Instruction Vehicles

Purpose

This bulletin provides information about the fitment and certification of Passenger Side Pedal Controls (PSPC) fitted to Driving Instruction Vehicles.

Background

PSPC are additional pedals installed in the front passenger side of a driver training vehicle, for use by the driving instructor conducting driver training in emergency situations. PSPC consist of a brake pedal however may also include an accelerator and/or clutch pedal.

Where proprietary PSPC are available for your specific make and model of vehicle, the choice of manufacturer and installer is at your discretion. However, the installation must be certified by an Approved Vehicle Certifier (AVC).

For PSPC individually constructed for your vehicle, both the design and installation of the PSPC require certification.

Certification ensures passenger side pedal controls are installed to recognised engineering practices, the safety of the vehicle has not been compromised and Australian Design Rules applicable to the vehicle have not been affected by the installation.

Where the pedals and their installation meet relevant vehicle standards as outlined in the Vehicle Modification Certification Manual (VMCM), the AVC will affix a modification plate to the vehicle and amend the Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers of the modification. The modification plate will identify modification code LC2 for the installation of the PSPC and where required LC1 for their design.

The VMCM is available from;

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/vehicles and vehicle inspections/information for avcais and avcs

A list of AVC's can be found at http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_inspections

Vehicles fitted with PSPC will have a registration 'transfer bar' recorded on the Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers until the PSPC are removed, relevant holes in the bodywork are blanked off and the vehicle passes a General Inspection at an Approved Inspection Station (AIS). As part of the General Inspection the AIS will obtain appropriate approval to remove the modification plate, this will also initiate the removal of the registration 'transfer bar' applied to the vehicle.

It is recommended you speak to an AVC prior to the purchase and installation of the passenger side pedal controls. This will assist in ensuring the controls are suitable for your vehicle and safe operation.

All costs associated with certification or decommissioning of the PSPC is a commercial arrangement between the AVC and the registered operator.

Certification is required for PSPC installed in a vehicle from 1 October 2018 onwards.

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What do I need to do?

PSPC installation.

- 1. Ensure the PSPC are installed by a competent person and as per the manufacturer specifications.
- 2. For proprietary PSPC, engage the services of a type 1, 2 or 4 AVC to certify the installation.
- 3. For individually constructed PSPC, engage the services of a type I or 2 AVC to provide the design certification. The same AVC may also certify the installation once installed.

PSPC decommissioning.

- 1. Remove the PSPC and fill all associated holes in the vehicle's bodywork.
- 2. Present the vehicle to an AIS for a General Inspection (identifying the inspection is for the removal of PSPC). Where satisfied the PSPC are removed and all associated holes are blocked off, the AIS will obtain appropriate authority to remove the modification plate. This will also initiate the removal of the registration 'transfer bar' applied to the vehicle's registration.

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