



## Introduction

For the purposes of VSB14 Section LS the following definition is deemed to be acceptable for the meaning of suspension strut.

## Definition

A Suspension Strut includes the mast/tower (including the shock absorbing component/insert), the lower spring seat, spring, top spring seat including the top retaining/mounting cap. After-market struts that are manufactured by suspension manufacturers that have recognized quality assurance practices in place; and that supply components to road vehicle identification plate approval holders and second stage manufacturers are acceptable subject to meeting the following:

- The component is not modified in any way and only used in the make, model and variant of vehicle that it was manufactured for; and
- It is fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; and
- When fitted, the OEM vehicles steering, and suspension geometry and height specifications are met, other than for minor alterations that are allowed to be made without certification in accordance with VSB14, section LS, part 4.

This definition of strut excludes the stub axle assembly, steering arm and brake caliper mount, after-market assemblies that include these components require certification.

NOTE: Road Vehicle Identification Approval Holders are manufacturers who have approval from the Australian Government to affix identification plates to road vehicles.

## Actions

If the installation of the components change the OEM steering and suspension geometry and/or height outside the vehicle OEM specification plus or minus the allowance granted under VSB14, section LS part 4 the installation will require certification.

Any modifications to the components or required to fit the components will require certification.

## Questions

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