

Vehicle Manufacture Date for Registration Purposes

This information bulletin explains the date recorded on the Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers for Tasmanian vehicle registration purposes.

Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles is responsible for maintaining a record in the Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers.

Amongst other vehicle related information such as make, model, body type, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and seating capacity, a date of manufacture is recorded.

The date of manufacture is also recorded to determine vehicle registration eligibility as a public passenger vehicle and frequency of periodic inspections requires of a public passenger vehicle.

The specific date recorded may vary due to the Australian Government approval pathway. This is to accurately reflect the date the vehicle was manufactured, deemed compliant with relevant vehicle standards, and eligible to be provided and used on Australian roads.

Australian Government Approvals

The Australian Government *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* introduces the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV).

The RAV replaces the requirement for vehicles provided for use in Australia to be fitted with an Identification Plate (also referred to as a Compliance Plate).

The RAV and Identification Plates include dates that are relied on for registration.

Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV)

The RAV is an online, publicly accessible electronic database administered by the Australian Government. A vehicle entered on the RAV is deemed to comply, or substantially comply with applicable National vehicle standards, being the Australian Design Rules.

An Australian road vehicle on the RAV is searchable via the VIN and includes information vital for registration, such as mass ratings, build date and RAV entry date.

The RAV may be accessed from the following link.

<https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure-transport-vehicles/vehicles/rvs/rav>

Two Australian Government RAV entry options are available, Vehicle Type Approval RAV entry, or Concessional RAV entry.

These pathways have different vehicle and applicant eligibility criteria, approval conditions with the differences between a RAV entry date and build date nominated on the RAV may be significantly different.

The RAV date summary table (below) identifies the specific date used for Tasmanian registration.

Date of Australian Design Rule Compliance – Identification Plates

Vehicles approved for supply to the Australian market under the now repealed *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* are fitted with an identification plate (also referred to as a compliance plate) and includes the month and year the vehicle was deemed to comply with applicable Australian Design Rules that enable an Identification Plate to be lawfully affixed to the vehicle.

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For a new vehicle supplied to the market with Identification Plate affixed, the date of manufacture for registration purposes is the month and year date nominated on the Identification Plate.

Used Imported Vehicles

Vehicles imported as the personal effect of a person moving to Australia, or used vehicles imported to Australia under Australian Government approvals may also be fitted with an Identification Plate.

However, the date used for Tasmanian vehicle registration is the date nominated on the Identification Plate that closely reflects the date of manufacture rather than the date the vehicle was deemed to comply with Australian Design Rules.

RAV Date Summary

The following table provides a quick reference as to the RAV dates used for Tasmanian registration purposes.

RAV Entry Pathway	Date used for recording on Register of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	
	RAV Entry Date	Build Date (nominated on RAV)
Type Approval - standard	✓	
Type Approval – non standard	✓	
Type Approval – second stage of manufacture	✓	
Concessional – trailers		✓
Concessional – older vehicle		✓
Concessional – special purpose vehicle		✓
Concessional – personal effects		✓
Concessional – road vehicle suitable for RAV entry		✓
RAWs Concessional – specialist and enthusiast vehicle		✓
RAWs Concessional – used motorcycle full compliance		✓
RAWs Concessional – second stage of manufacture		✓

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Manufacturer Build Tag Date

Vehicle manufacturers may also provide decals or other tags that nominate a production line build date. Components of a vehicle may also include a model year, manufacture date or construction date.

This information is not used for registration purposes for a vehicle that is required to be fitted with an Identification Plate or be entered on the RAV.

However, production line date information is valuable for vehicle maintenance, spare parts, evaluations and insurance purposes

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