Special Information Bulletin
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Re-Bodied Vehicles
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Introduction;

This bulletin outlines the procedural requirements relevant when fitting a body to a light vehicle with a separate chassis (re-bodying a chassis) and also the identity of the combined vehicle.

Qualifying criteria;

1. If the body to be fitted and chassis are the same Make, Model, Variant and Identification (Compliance) Plate Approval No they do not require certification as this is not considered a modification. All changes required must be performed to replicate the requirements and compliance to the Australian Design Rules. For example but not limited to; seat belts, steering, lighting and glazing.
2. If the body to be fitted is a different Make, Model, Variant and Identification (Compliance) Plate approval number (or if this is unknown) to that corresponding to the chassis, certification is required. Certification is to the Australian Design Rules relevant to the date of manufacture of the chassis using the applicable Vehicle Standard Bulletin code.

In both cases the month and year of the chassis is to be the recorded VIN of the vehicle and NOT the identifiers from the body Identification (Compliance) Plate. The Identification Plates on the cabin must not be removed.

Certification;

Where the Make, Model, Variant and Approval No of the chassis and cabin are different or unknown. The AVC must inspect the vehicle and certify the vehicle complies with all relevant vehicle standards. This would require at least compliance to the relevant Vehicle Standard Bulletin 14; LO code and any other code applicable if further modifications are performed.

AVC Specific requirements;

The AVC modification certification process will produce a Modification Plate to be fitted to the vehicle. However, this process involves the **MANUAL POPULATION** of the Modification Plate Template information.

The AVC is to print the template, include the specific vehicle information including the relevant LO1/*X* release code, the AVC is to manually write **– month/year Chassis Re-bodied** (Example: 04/1998 Chassis Re-bodied).This is to ensure the recorded data of the vehicle will always be maintained in line with the Primary Identifier of the chassis.

Forward this to avc@stategrowth.tas.gov.au for AIS Compliance to supply a revised Modification Plate Template to enable the engraving process to commence.

The Modification Plate will have the chassis VIN engraved upon it and not the cabin VIN.

The Portal will also produce a Modification Certificate that will **not** contain all required information.

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AIS Compliance will produce a substitute Modification Certificate replicating the required data and supply this to the AVC.

The AVC report is to identify that a month/year chassis (INSERT CHASSIS VIN) has been fitted with a replacement month/year cabin (INSERT CABIN VIN).

Additional Considerations;

If the vehicle has been identified as a repairable write-off it must be presented for the repairable write off clearance process in addition to any certification required as specified in this Special Information Bulletin.

All components used must be fit for purpose and serviceable.

Registration Inspection;

When a vehicle is presented to an AIS for roadworthy/registration inspection, in addition to any non-compliant items, the vehicle will be failed for different identifiers (Cabin/Chassis), **unless** the re-bodied vehicle has been certified. Evidence of certification involves the owner producing a Modification Certificate and the Modification Plate is affixed to the vehicle certifying – Chassis – Re-bodied.

If a vehicle fails an inspection for identity issues it must undergo an identity inspection currently performed by Transport Inspectors. Call 1300 135 513 to make an appointment (free inspection). The Transport Inspection process will either pass the vehicle so the AIS can continue the registration process or specify other options as required.

Questions;

Any questions of a technical nature in regards to this SIB should be directed to Vehicle Standards on 6166 3263 or email vehicle.standards@stategrowth.tas.gov.au.