

## Information Sheet – Pole borer and pole borer configurations

This information sheet provides an overview of the application process for a heavy vehicle fitted with a pole borer/auger with or without a jinker.

### What is a pole borer?

A pole borer is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) typically built on a rigid truck chassis. Pole borers are fitted with a crane and auger for the purpose of drilling holes predominantly for the placement of power and telephone poles.

Figure 1 shows an example of a pole borer from the NHVR Portal.

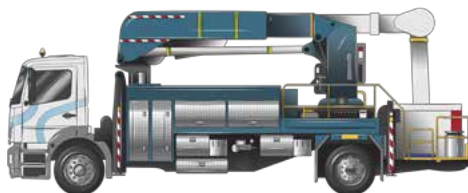


Figure 1 NHVR Portal image of a pole borer<sup>1</sup>

### When does a pole borer need a permit?

A pole borer requires a permit if the heavy vehicle:

- exceeds a mass or dimension or is unable to comply with a condition of the [National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice \(SPV Notice\)](#); or
- is seeking access to roads off the [SPV network](#); or
- is carrying poles on the vehicle or jinker.

Figure 2 shows an example of a pole borer towing a jinker in the NHVR Portal.



Figure 2 Portal image of a pole borer and jinker

Table 1 provides an overview of pole borer configurations and permit requirements.

Table 1 Common pole borer configurations

Configuration	Class	Permit required
Truck fitted with auger/crane	Class 1	No – if the vehicle complies with the SPV notice and is operating on the approved networks. Yes – where the vehicle does not comply with the notice or is seeking access off the approved network.
Truck fitted with auger/crane carrying pole(s)	Class 3	Yes
Truck fitted with auger/crane towing a jinker	Class 3	Yes
Truck fitted with auger/crane carrying pole(s) towing a jinker	Class 3	Yes

The following steps are provided to simplify the application process.

### Applying for a pole borer permit.

To apply for a pole borer permit:

1. Select **Special Purpose Vehicle > Truck Mounted EWP/Pole Borer/Lift** (Example 1 – see next page).
2. Edit the vehicles with the appropriate number of axles (Example 2).
3. Where the heavy vehicle is carrying poles, add a route note “poles being carried on the vehicle” (Example 3).
4. Complete all other relevant application information and submit your application.

### Applying for a pole borer and jinker permit

To apply for a pole borer towing a jinker permit:

1. Select **custom configuration > custom build your own > light grey vehicle**. (Green circle in Example 4 indicates the light grey vehicle).
2. Select **Add Component > SPV > Truck Mounted EWP/Pole Borer/Lift** (Example 1).
3. Edit the vehicle with the appropriate number of axles (Example 2).
4. Select **Add Component > Trailers > jinker** (Example 5).
5. Edit the jinker with the appropriate number of axles (Example 2).
6. Where the heavy vehicle is carrying poles, add a route note “poles being carried on the vehicle” (Example 3).
7. Complete all other relevant application information and submit your application.

<sup>1</sup> NHVR Portal image only for application purpose. Note: Application description is Power Pole Truck (may consist of Pole Borer/Elevated Work Platform/Pole Crane Truck).

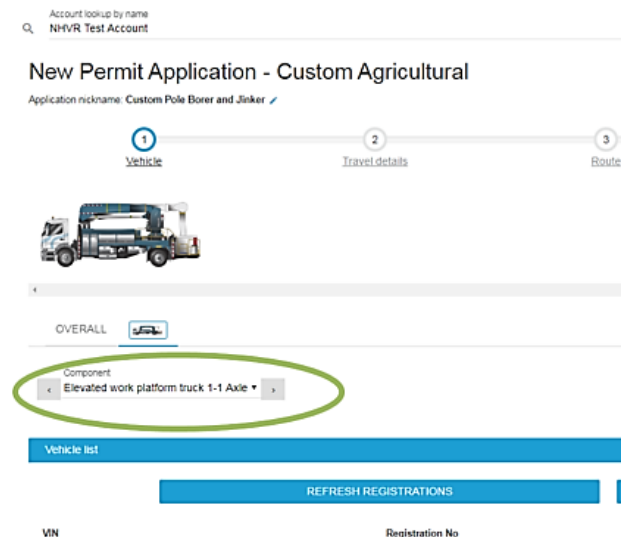
## Additional application tips

Additional tips and information on how to apply for a permit are available on the NHVR website on the [Access permit applications](#) and [Top access tips for operators](#) pages.

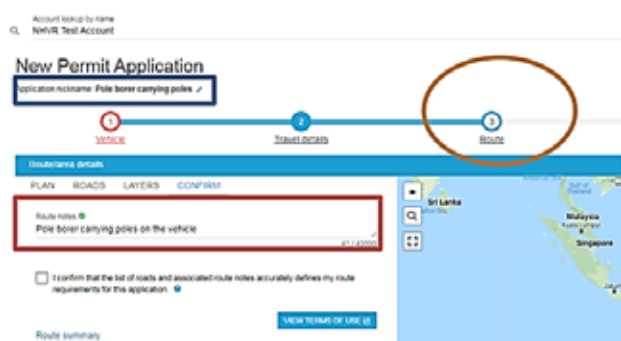
### Example 1 Special Purpose Vehicle tab



### Example 2 amend axles



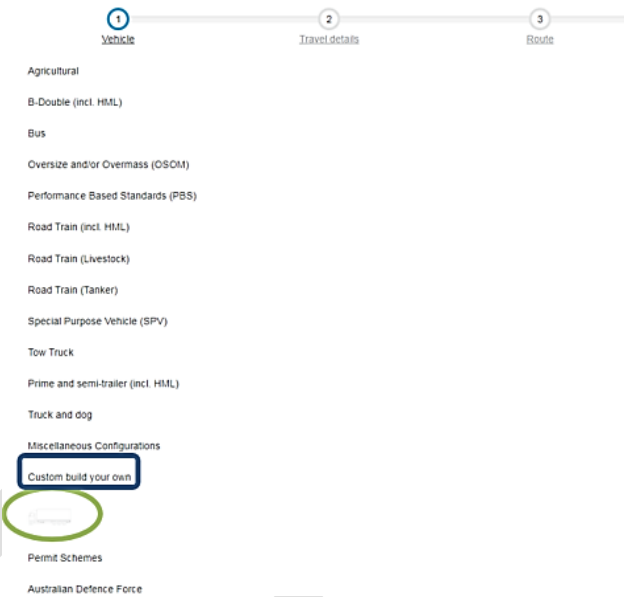
### Example 3 Additional route notes



### Example 4 Custom build your own

#### New Permit Application

Application nickname: Custom Pole Borer and Jinker ✓



### Example 5 Add Jinker



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