Section 1

# Vehicle Identification

## Objective

To ensure that the vehicle being inspected is authentic and correctly identified.

➘ Where a vehicle fails the identity inspection in this section, the Tiered Identity Inspection Regime of the jurisdiction should be applied or the matter referred to the police.

## Australian Design Rules relevant to this section

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| ADR 61 | Vehicle marking |

## 1.1 Check the identity of the vehicle

### Reasons for rejection

a. No VIN/chassis number present

➘ A chassis number is the identifying number of a vehicle that was built prior to 1 July 1989. The number can be any combination of letters or numbers and can be any length.

A VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) is the unique identifying number of a vehicle that was built from 1 July 1989. The number can be any combination of letters and numbers (excluding the letters i, o and q) and must be 17 digits in length.

b. VIN on identification (compliance) plate or secure vehicle identification label differs from that stamped into body or chassis

➘ Second edition ADR vehicles may have a chassis number stamped into the chassis that is different to the chassis number on the vehicle plate. Provided that one of the chassis numbers stamped into the chassis matches the vehicle plate, this is not a reason for rejection.

c. VIN/chassis number/secure vehicle identification marking has been altered or tampered with

d. Engine number has been altered or tampered with

e. No engine number present

➘ If the engine number is not in a conspicuous position, the engine number must be repeated on a vehicle manufacturer's supplementary label in a conspicuous location.

f. A motor vehicle manufactured from 1 August 1972 and has not been previously registered in Australia and is not:

- fitted with an Australian Identification (compliance) Plate:
- Second Stage of Manufacture plate,
- Low Volume plate,
- RAWS Import plate, or
- is not listed on the Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV).

g. A heavy omnibus (ME category) or trailer is not fitted with a vehicle plate

h. A trailer manufactured from 1 August 1984 that is not fitted with an Australian identification (compliance) plate and has not been previously registered in Australia

➘ Where a motor vehicle or trailer mentioned in (f) or (g) is not fitted with an identification plate or secure vehicle identification label, but proof of previous registration in Australia is provided, this is not a reason for rejection.

i. A motor vehicle built after 1 July 1991 that is used in a road train or B-double combination, is not:
   - Fitted with a vehicle plate include the words “ROAD TRAIN” and/or “B-DOUBLE”
   - Fitted with a modification plate certifying the modification, or
   - listed as Road Train and/or B-Double on the RAV

j. A trailer built after 1 July 1991 that is used in a road train combination, is not:
   - Fitted with a vehicle plate include the words “ROAD TRAIN TRAILER”
   - Fitted with a modification plate certifying the modification, or
   - listed as Road Train on the RAV

➘ If the vehicle has been modified the following modification codes should are applicable:

- S8 (Road Train Prime Mover),
- S9 (B-double Prime Mover), or
- S11 (Road Train Trailer) of VSB6.

k. A modified vehicle is not fitted with the appropriate modification plate identifying the modification.

➘ Vehicles fitted with bodies and couplings in NSW prior to 2014 may not have a modification plate affixed with a J and/or P codes.

➘ Trailers used in B-Double combinations do not require the words “B-Double” to be included on a vehicle plate or on the RAV.