

Vehicle Inspections & Standards

BULLETIN

To All Authorized Inspectors (AIs) and Designated Inspection Facilities (DIFs)

Re: Identification & Inspection of Buses and Limousine Buses

Background

The *British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act* defines a “BUS” as a motor vehicle designed to carry more than 10 persons. CVSE has determined that some buses – particularly buses recognized as Limousines used in the passenger transportation industry - are incorrectly identified and not properly inspected as a bus.

Application

AIs and DIFs must ensure that, when inspecting a motor vehicle with a seating capacity of more than 10, the vehicle is inspected as a “BUS”, regardless of the noted vehicle type, body style, vehicle information documentation or VIP vehicle query screen information.

All applicable standards and inspection criteria contained in the BC Vehicle Inspection Manual (2010) – BUS Section – must be applied to determine the mechanical road worthiness and proper issuance of a certificate of approval.

Requirements

For inspection of a BUS:

1. DIFs and AIs must be licensed and certified to conduct BUS inspections;
2. Proper vehicle identification is essential for proceeding with any inspection;
3. The commercial vehicle inspection report form (CVSE0014) must be used when submitting a completed BUS inspection report; and
4. The inspected vehicle must meet **all** applicable standards and inspection criterion prior to passing.

Incorrect form usage or application of incorrect vehicle type criteria may be deemed improper pursuant to Motor Vehicle Act Regulations Division 25.12(1)(f)(ii) and 25.13 resulting in possible enforcement action.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Geoff Ford, Program Advisor, at (250) 953 4039.

Regards,



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