

Vehicle Safety and Standards

BULLETIN

Re: Removable Vehicle Doors

This bulletin applies to **ALL** vehicles on highway and subject to *British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act and Motor Vehicle Act Regulation* requirements.

CVSE has received numerous complaints and enquiries regarding vehicles operating on highway without the driver and / or passenger door(s) in place. **Reports most commonly identify certain makes and models of JEEP as some of these vehicles have side doors that may be easily removed.**

Any vehicle operating on highway without doors represents a serious safety concern for the occupants as side intrusion protection and passenger containment would be compromised in the event of a collision.

Motor Vehicle Act Regulation division 7.09 (1) outlines the standards for the safety and repair of vehicles. In the associated schedule to division 7.09 (1), section 11 states:

“Doors shall be installed in a vehicle where the vehicle was manufactured with doors. The doors with which a vehicle is equipped shall be in good working order, and any hinge, latch, or handle must not be missing, broken or inoperable.”

Therefore, all vehicles manufactured with doors as original equipment MUST have all doors in place and functioning as described above while operating on highway to be in compliance with MVAR division 7.09 (1). CVSE has determined that ONLY the JEEP “CJ” model manufactured prior to 1986 may have been manufactured without doors as original equipment.

Further, CVSE has determined that the majority of side mirrors on JEEPS are affixed to the door. Any vehicle operating on highway without a driver’s side rear view mirror would be in violation of *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation* division 7.04 (2).

All vehicles operating on highway in violation of any *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation* are subject to enforcement action.

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Regards,



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