

Vehicle Safety and Standards

BULLETIN

For operators of Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors

Re: Structural Integrity Reports for the Inspection of Salvaged Vehicles

This bulletin is intended to provide direction on the procedure for the inspection of vehicles branded or identified as a SALVAGED vehicle.

All vehicles branded or identified as SALVAGED must first pass a structural integrity inspection by a trade qualified auto body technician prior to the provincial mechanical inspection process. A certified auto body technician must complete a Structural Integrity Assessment Report (MV3201). This form must clearly indicate that the vehicle has passed all required inspection items and a four wheel alignment. The completed MV3201 must be reviewed and accepted by the authorized inspector (AI). It should be noted that an AI is not obligated to accept a MV3201 and may fail the mechanical inspection of any vehicle found to have structural integrity issues regardless of the presentation of a passed MV3201.

Any MV3201 that is illegible; altered; photocopied; incomplete; inaccurate or that does not display an original signature from the trade qualified auto body technician must be rejected.

CVSE has been informed that some imported and "new to BC" salvaged / reconstructed vehicles are being presented for a mechanical inspection with a structural integrity report completed outside BC. **THESE REPORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. Only MV3201 forms completed at a location within BC are approved.**

All MV3201 forms **MUST** be retained by the Designated Inspection Facility (DIF) as part of the provincial mechanical inspection and be made available to CVSE upon request.

Authorized Inspectors are reminded that the application of a certificate of approval (decal) to a reconstructed vehicle is an indication that the inspected vehicle is in compliance with the Motor Vehicle Act, Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, all applicable standards and safe for use on highway. The issuance of a certificate of approval must include compliance of all structural components.

Following the issuance of a passed mechanical inspection report, a salvaged vehicle may proceed to registration through ICBC. Successful registration will change the vehicle branding from SALVAGED to REBUILT.

Should any further information be required, please contact Vehicle Safety & Standards at (250) 953 – 4008 or brian.kangas@gov.bc.ca

Regards,



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