

### Vehicle Inspections & Standards

# **BULLETIN**

## **Re: Removable Vehicle Doors**

This bulletin repeals Removable Vehicle Doors Bulletin #1-2008 issued August 7, 2008. This bulletin applies to **ALL** vehicles operating on highway that are subject to the British Columbia *Motor Vehicle Act* and the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR).

CVSE has received numerous 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 that typically have side doors that be easily removed.

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

MVAR Division 7.09 (1) outlines the standards for the safety and repair of vehicles. In the associated schedule to MVAR 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."*

In British Columbia all vehicles manufactured with doors as original equipment **MUST** have all doors properly attached 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.

If in question, the vehicle operator is responsible for proving or providing evidence that their vehicle was in fact manufactured without doors.

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 MVAR Division 7.04(2).

All vehicles operating on highway in violation of any MVAR is subject to enforcement action.

Should any further information be required, contact Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca by phone at 250-953-4039.

Regards,



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