

Vehicle Safety and Standards

NOTICE

To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors for Light Vehicles

Re: Identification and Inspection of Replicar, Replikit, Ubilt and Specialty vehicles.

This notice applies to **ALL** vehicles which are required to be inspected under *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation, Division 25* and is intended to provide direction for the inspection of lighting devices and lighting components for replicar, replikit, ubilt and specialty vehicles only.

All equipment and safety standards, which apply to the vehicle inspection program, are contained in the Vehicle Inspection Manual, *Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)*, *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR)*, applicable Canadian Standards Association documents (CSA) as well as the applicable safety standards in the CMVSS.

MVA regulation division 25.27 (1) states : "An authorized inspector must not issue an inspection report under section 25.25 that certifies that a motor vehicle has passed inspection unless the authorized person is satisfied that the motor vehicle complies with the standards and is safe for operation on the highway". This notice does not supersede division 25.27 and an authorized inspector is not obligated to issue a certificate of approval if the requirements of this division are not met. The authorized inspector may consider "era correct" standards for lighting requirements as outlined in this notice in relation to this division.

It is imperative that a vehicle presented for inspection as a replicar, replikit, ubilt or specialty vehicle be accurately identified according to MVAR definitions prior to inspection.

MVAR Definitions:

1. **Replicar** – means a motor vehicle manufactured to resemble a previously know make and constructed entirely of new components.
2. **Replikit** – means a motor vehicle designed to resemble a previously known make and constructed of new or refurbished components.
3. **Ubilt** – means a vehicle that does not resemble the vehicle from which its components were taken and that
 - (a) was built, and may have been built at home for personal use, by an individual,
 - (b) is used as a private passenger motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle, and
 - (c) has a gross vehicle weight of not more than 5000 kg.
4. **Specialty Vehicle** – means a vehicle
 - (a) built using new components that may or may not have been manufactured by the assembler, and
 - (b) unique in appearance.

CVSE recognizes that the intent of a replicar or replikit type vehicle is to resemble some select collector makes and models that may not be readily available for ownership as a manufactured original vehicle. These vehicles and do not qualify for collector, modified collector or vintage licensing and must be registered correctly to reflect the vehicle type and completion date of manufacture or build. Given the general intent of these vehicles, the addition of some lighting and / or reflective devices that may be

required to meet current inspection standards may not be possible or practical in keeping with this intent. Lighting inspection of a replicar or replikit vehicle may be performed to the “era correct” standards. This means that the lighting device types and functions applicable to the original make and model can be applied to the replicated vehicle and must function properly. For example, if the original manufactured vehicle was not equipped with side lighting or side reflectors, the replicar or replikit vehicle may pass inspection without these particular devices installed. A complete provincial inspection is still required for all other components and the vehicle must meet all applicable standards prior to the issuance of an approval certificate.

Ubuilt and speciality vehicles are intended to be unique and / or not resembling a previously known make or model of vehicle. As such, these particular vehicle types must meet all current lighting standards and regulations applicable to the class of vehicle on the build completion date. Ubuilt and speciality vehicles DO NOT include modified manufactured vehicles, vehicles not intended for highway use and / or vehicles built or manufactured with non compliant type components. A complete provincial inspection for these vehicles must be performed and all applicable vehicle standards must be met prior to the issuance of an approval certificate.

Provincial inspection reports must clearly indicate which vehicle type was inspected and photographs of the vehicle showing type and compliance are recommended as part of this report.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Gilks".

Greg Gilks
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