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Road Vehicle Standards

Check list for a low ATM trailer vehicle type approval application

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Note: before applying, you should read [Vehicle Safety Bulletin 1 revision 6](#) (VSB1 revision 6) and be clear about the ADR requirements for your trailer type.

Approval holder and vehicle details

- Identify who will be the approval holder and provide their details.
- Identify the vehicle category code, the unique make and type of trailer and model(s).

Information demonstrating compliance

- Provide information demonstrating that the trailer fully complies, or substantially complies with the applicable Australian Design Rules (ADRs) and that any non-compliance is only minor and inconsequential.
- If the trailer substantially complies with the applicable ADRs but the non-compliance is not minor and inconsequential, explain how the trailer does not comply and why it is suitable for use on a public road.
- Ensure you have a conformity of production process in place.
- Provide all the information needed to complete Compliance Information (CI) forms for ADRs applicable to the trailer.
- Include details of where the design and manufacturing facilities are located.
- Provide information demonstrating either, full control over, or access to information relating to, all stages of the design, componentry and manufacturing process and that you can to ensure your processes will consistently produce the same type of trailer.
- Check that your quality management system (QMS) includes all elements outlined in the [QMS checklist for vehicle type approvals](#).

- Ensure you have access to [Vehicle Identification Numbers](#) (VINs) and are able to enter vehicle details on the [Register of Approved Vehicles](#) (RAV).
- Ensure you have processes in place to attach [secure vehicle identification marking](#) to the trailer which is required under [ADR 61/03 – Vehicle Marking](#).
- Ensure you have record keeping processes in place to keep original and subsequent versions of supporting information up-to-date for the period the approval is in force and 7 years after the approval expires.

Quick links

- [Guide to vehicle type approvals for low ATM trailers](#)
- [Vehicle Standards Bulletin 1 \(Revision 6\)](#)
- [Tips and quick reference guide for low ATM trailers](#)

Further information

For further information, please visit the department's [website](#) or submit an [online enquiry](#).