



Road Vehicle Standards



Model Reports overview

This guide provides an introductory overview of Model Reports.

On 1 July 2021, the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018 (RVSA)* replaced the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989 (MVSA)*.

Background

The RVSA requires that certain vehicles be modified to comply with applicable national road vehicle standards in accordance with the provisions of an approved Model Report.

What is a Model Report?

A Model Report is a document setting out how a particular make, model, variant(s) or build range of vehicle may be manufactured or modified to meet the standards that apply to it, given its vehicle category and age.

Model Reports must contain:

- a **Vehicle Scope** – allowing all parties to ensure the vehicle to be modified or manufactured is covered by the Model Report
- **Work Instructions** – setting out, in step-by-step detail, what a modifier or manufacturer must do to ensure the vehicle meets applicable standards
- a **Verification Checklist*** – setting out what an authorised vehicle verifier (AVV) must check to ensure the vehicle has been modified or manufactured in accordance with the checklist. (*not high ATM trailers)

Model Reports may not cover all variants or build dates of a vehicle's make and model. The Model Report user must check carefully that the Model Report they intend

to use covers the exact vehicle they wish to manufacture or modify.

When is a Model Report needed?

Vehicles that can be modified or manufactured in accordance with a Model Report are a:

- road vehicle that is entered on the [SEVs Register](#), or
- used two or three wheeled vehicle that is not on the SEVs Register, or
- trailer with an aggregate trailer mass of more than 4.5 tonnes, or
- road vehicle that:
 - is entered on the RAV via a [type approval](#) pathway, and
 - will be subject to second stage manufacture.

The person undertaking the manufacturing or modification process does not need to have the entire Model Report.

They must however, have access to the Vehicle Scope (to ensure the vehicle is covered by the Model Report) and the Work Instructions (to understand how to complete the modifications) relating to their vehicle.

Who can write a Model Report?

Anyone with the appropriate skills, or access to the appropriate skills, can develop a Model Report.

People who wish to use a Model Report can develop their own or enter into a commercial arrangement with the owner of an approved Model Report for access to all or part of their Model Report.

The owners of Model Reports can sell or lease their Model Reports on commercial terms.



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The department publishes a list of approved Model Reports and the contact details of the owner (unless the owner has requested the details not be published).

All Model Reports must be approved by the department before they can be used.

There is no prescribed format for a Model Report, however the department is developing a Model Report template that may be used as guidance.



Note: The more clearly the required elements of the Model Report framework are set out in the Model Report, the quicker the Model Report can be assessed.

Can I use evidence I used under MVSA for my Model Report?

Yes. Where relevant, you can use the evidence you previously relied on in an MVSA evidence pack to form part of your Model Report.

However, where your evidence was obtained from a testing facility, you can only use that evidence if the testing facility has gained approval under RVSA.

Once the testing facility has approval, you can use the test evidence it produced, even if the test evidence was produced before the testing facility obtained approval.

How do I apply?

Applications must be made through [ROVER](#) and cost between \$480 and \$900 to assess, depending on the type of vehicle the Model Report relates to.

Resources

- [Registered automotive workshops](#) (RAWs)
- [Authorised vehicle verifiers](#)
- [Specialist and enthusiast vehicles](#)
- [Model Reports](#)

More information

More detailed information about the RVS legislation is available on the [RVS legislation implementation page](#)

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Please note this information is a brief summary of the Guide to Model Reports (coming soon). We do not make any guarantees about the completeness of the information above as it is intended to be an easy-to-read background material/'quick guide' only.