

Issued by the

Administrator of Vehicle Standards

In consultation with the

Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board

comprising Commonwealth, State and Territory representatives



Australian Government

Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities

CIRCULAR 0-2-13

CERTIFICATION OF NEW LOW PRODUCTION PASSENGER CARS (MA CATEGORY)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Certification of Low Production Passenger Cars (LPPC) has been developed to cater for new vehicles that are listed on the Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles (SEVS) Register, but are unable to demonstrate compliance with certain Australian Design Rules (ADRs).
- 1.2. Identification Plate Approval (IPA) Licensees granted an Approval for Low Production Passenger Cars are authorised to fit up to 25 plates per annum.

2. LOW PRODUCTION PASSENGER CAR

- 2.1. The following guidelines determine whether a make/model of a vehicle may be assessed as LPPC and whether it may be eligible for LPPC certification.
 - 2.1.1. The vehicle must be listed on the SEVS Register.
 - 2.1.2. Vehicles that are from a *Manufacturer* whose total worldwide production does not exceed 500 units per annum including kits and partial kits, with no indication that production is likely to exceed that level, are eligible for LPPC certification.
 - 2.1.3. Make/Model: The Make and Model designation must be in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Standards Regulations 1989.
 - 2.1.4. Where the make/model is a Replica of another model, the Administrator will deem the models to be the same model for eligibility purposes.
- 2.2. Participation in the LPPC will be considered on a case by case basis and will be restricted to vehicle models having a high commercial value when compared to mainstream models in an equivalent market segment.
- 2.3. Participation may be refused by the Administrator on the basis of advice from the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board regarding the vehicle type not meeting the intent of the scheme.

3. DEMONSTRATION OF COMPLIANCE

- 3.1. Demonstration of ADR compliance shall be in accordance with Attachment 1.

4. CONDITIONS

- 4.1. Approval will only be issued to the *Manufacturer* or the *Manufacturer's* sole Australian representative.

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4.2. LPPC Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- Submission of a Circular 0-4-5 Inspection Certificate for each vehicle to the Administrator before seeking the issue of an Identification Plate.
- Provision of consumer information with each vehicle in accordance with Attachment 2.
- Affixing the issued LPPC identification plate that includes consumer warnings as set out in Attachment 2. Only Identification Plates authorised by the Administrator are to be fitted.
- Any other conditions specified in Schedule 5 of the Approval.

5. WORLDWIDE PRODUCTION

5.1. At the time of application (initial or renewal) the applicant must provide evidence of the total production volume in the previous calendar year and projected annual production volume for the current and future calendar year.

5.2. Approvals issued will be valid for a period of one year only. A new *Application for Compliance* form must be submitted before a renewal of an approval will be issued.

6. DEFINITIONS

6.1. **Manufacturer:** The Manufacturer must be a clearly identifiable independent producer of new vehicles, new vehicle kits or partial new vehicle kits and be recognised as such by industry journals and relevant reference sources. Where the Manufacturer is associated either financially or through design, manufacturing or marketing arrangements with another vehicle manufacturer, the annual manufacturing volumes of all associated companies will be amalgamated to determine total the worldwide production volume.

6.2. **New Vehicle:** A New Vehicle is a vehicle as defined in the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989.

6.3. **Replica:** A vehicle that has a similar Make and/or Model name and/or the appearance of another Model in order to gain a marketing position based on that similarity. Typical examples are “AC Cobra”, “Lotus Seven” and “Jaguar XJ13”.

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Attachment 1

ALTERNATE PROCEDURES AVAILABLE TO MANUFACTURERS OF NEW LOW PRODUCTION PASSENGER CARS FOR ISSUE OF IDENTIFICATION PLATE APPROVALS

Manufacturers who may be authorised to affix plates to not more than 25 passenger cars per annum

1. Compliance to be demonstrated in accordance with normal procedures in the case of:
ADRs 30/..., ADR 83/...
2. Compliance to be demonstrated for ADR 4/...
 - (a) in accordance with normal procedures OR
 - (b) by reference to test reports relevant to the individual components that comprise the seat belt assembly where:
 - (i) static and dynamic test reports are within the limits of the installation geometry of the seat belt for which compliance is to be demonstrated;
 - (ii) the retractor (if applicable) mounting angle is the same.
 - (c) The manufacturer must also demonstrate that the seat belt assembly meets all the requirements of the ADR, such as General Requirements, Adjustments Requirements, Buckle Requirements, etc.
3. Compliance may be demonstrated using alternative procedures for:
 - (a) ADRs 1/..., 2/..., 3/..., 5/..., 6/..., 8/..., 10/..., 13/..., 14/..., 18/..., 21/..., 22/..., 23/..., 29/..., 34/..., 46/..., 47/..., 48/..., 49/..., 50/..., 52/..., 60/..., 61/..., 62/..., 76/..., 77/..., 78/... and 82/... where in each case the Administrator will make an assessment based on such information as may be required, including an inspection of the motor vehicle.
 - (b) ADRs 79/..., and 81/... where every motor vehicle is to meet the requirements of the respective Rule except that:
 - any distance accumulated by the vehicle prior to testing need not be in accordance with the requirements of the rule; and
 - the emission levels will be those specified for the certification vehicles.
 - (c) ADRs 11/..., 25/..., 42/..., 43/..., 44/..., 45/..., 51/..., 71/... and 75 where an assurance by the manufacturer will be acceptable subject to inspection of the motor vehicle.
 - (d) ADR 31/... where compliance is required as per the ADRs in section (a) excepting that vehicles are exempt from complying with Electronic Stability Control and Brake Assist Systems requirements.

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Attachment 2

Consumer Information Identification Plate

THIS VEHICLE HAS NOT BEEN TESTED TO AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULE NO. 69/00 – FULL FRONTAL IMPACT OCCUPANT PROTECTION, ADR NO. 72/00 – DYNAMIC SIDE IMPACT OCCUPANT PROTECTION, ADR NO. 73/00 – OFFSET FRONTAL IMPACT OCCUPANT PROTECTION, ADR NO. 85/00 – POLE SIDE IMPACT PERFORMANCE. THE VEHICLE MAY NOT PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF OCCUPANT PROTECTION REQUIRED BY THE RULES.

APPROVAL NO 99999* CATEGORY MA
ALPHA BETA

GVM KG SEATS 2*
06/01 VIN EAG162201G0015002*

THIS VEHICLE WAS MANUFACTURED BY BETA MOTORS

TO COMPLY WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS ACT 1989

LOW PRODUCTION VOLUME PROCEDURES – XXXXX#

* Variable Information

Colour: Green

Plate Serial Number

WARNINGS

1. A permanent, legible label must be sewn onto the seatbelt webbing of the front outboard seating positions of the specified vehicle. The position of the label must be just below the upper anchorage when the belt is fully retracted, such that it is clearly visible to the occupant of the seat before the belt is put on.
2. The label must display the warning “This vehicle has not been tested to Australian Design Rule 69/00 Full Frontal Impact Occupant Protection*, Australian Design Rule 72/00 Dynamic Side Impact Occupant Protection*, Australian Design Rule 73/00 Offset Frontal Impact Protection*, Australian Design Rule 85/00 Pole Side Impact Performance*. It may not provide the level of occupant protection required by these rules.”

The warning label must have dimensions of at least 100mm by 30mm and have lettering at least 4mm high. Text to be coloured red on white background.

3. The warning label on the seatbelts must also be provided in the vehicle handbook or otherwise supplied with the vehicle.

* Indicates variable information.