

Introduction of Revised LVV Code (Issue 7) & LVV operating Requirements Schedule (Issue 8)

Introduction:

The purpose of this LVV Information Sheet is to communicate to LVV Certifiers a number of changes that have been made to Issue # 7 of the Low Volume Vehicle Code (LVV Code), and Issue # 8 of the Low Volume Vehicle Operating Requirements Schedule (ORS).

Low Volume Vehicle Code:

Issue # 7 of the LVV Code has been recently signed off between LVVTA and the New Zealand Transport Agency. Issue 7 of the LVV Code introduces a number of changes, updates, and amendments to the LVV system. In basic terms, these changes and additions include:

- more accurately detailing the purpose of the LVV Code;
- more accurately detailing the legal status of the LVV Code;
- clarifying the relationship between other documents used within the LVV certification system in relation to the LVV Code;
- explaining the role and status of the LVV Certification Manual;
- incorporating into the LVV Code, by legal reference, the LVV Operating Requirements Schedule and the New Zealand Hobby Car Technical Manual;
- specifying that the Forms and Form-sets referred to by the LVV standards are legally binding documents;
- clarification of a lot of areas that were unclear, vague, or difficult to understand;
- specifying what the LVV Certifier must do if no LVV Standard or Form-set exists for a particular modification;
- incorporation by reference of new and scheduled LVV Information Sheets, Forms and Form-sets, and LVV Standards;
- a general tidy-up of the document.

There are also a number of other minor detail changes, which LVV Certifiers should review and familiarise themselves with.

Note that all of the changes that have been made to the LVV Code are shown in shading, in order to enable a reader to quickly identify all the changes and additions that have been made.

LVV Operating Requirements Schedule:

Issue # 8 of the LVV Operating Requirements Schedule has been recently signed off between LVVTA and the New Zealand Transport Agency. Issue 8 of the ORS introduces a number of changes, updates, and amendments to the LVV system. In basic terms, these changes and additions include:

- inclusion of bump-steer swing-check bars as required equipment;
- application of a bond for new LVV Certifiers to ensure the return of LVVTA documents and equipment;
- consultation requirements of LVVTA in regard to new standard and document development;
- specifying the period during which an LVV Certifier must hold F001s and F005s;
- explanation of written report requirements where no LVV Forms or Form-sets are in force;
- further details of requirements for photographic evidence;
- clarification of limitations under LV1A for steering system modifications;
- changes to the details relating to plate pre-ordering;
- requirements where VIN tampering is suspected;
- requirements for the removal and return of LVV certification plates;
- requirements for safe and responsible test-driving;
- requirement for co-operation and willingness in regards to achieving safe vehicle outcomes;
- details regarding cost recovery relating to peer reviews;
- requirements of LVVTA regarding competence record-keeping.

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If any assistance in the use of this Information Sheet is needed, please contact the LVVTA office on (04) 238-4343.