



Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement

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Vehicle Safety and Standards

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To All Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors

Re: Motorcycle Inspections

Commercial Vehicle Safety & Enforcement is aware of provincial vehicle inspections being conducted on manufactured Restricted Use Motorcycles (RUM). These vehicles are identified as vehicle type 'RUM' on the *Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards* (CMVSS) compliance label. These vehicles are manufactured and intended STRICTLY FOR OFF HIGHWAY USE and do not meet applicable standards for operation as highway vehicles.

The BC Vehicle Inspection Manual criterion for the inspection of Motorcycles is only applicable to on highway use vehicles. This criterion does not apply to a vehicle type RUM, all-terrain, three wheeled (TWV), or competition regardless of any component changes, additions or modifications. These vehicle types are not acceptable for inspection. Any vehicle originally manufactured as one of these types and subsequently modified then submitted for the purpose of inspection where the compliance label is missing, altered or illegible must also be rejected.

A compliantly manufactured motorcycle will display a vehicle type 'MC' (motorcycle), 'TRI' (motor tricycle), 'LSM' (limited speed motorcycle) or 'EMC' (enclosed motorcycle) on the CMVSS label with an indication that it is intended for highway use. These manufactured vehicles are acceptable for inspection and must meet all applicable standards prior to the issuance of a certificate of approval decal.

Vehicles, such as manufactured power assisted bicycles – referred to provincially as motor assisted cycles -, or any bicycle modified or equipped with gas or electric motor are not acceptable for inspection.

ICBC will no longer accept any new registration applications for restricted use motorcycles.

For the purpose of inspection of a non-manufactured motorcycle, the vehicle MUST clearly meet the *British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act Regulation* definition of a **“ubilt”** vehicle which 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.

Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors MUST ENSURE that any vehicle submitted for inspection as a ubilt motorcycle clearly meets the noted definition and that ALL components used display proper markings indicating compliance with CMVSS and/ or applicable safety standards for on highway use. Any vehicle built by a company or business is considered a manufactured vehicle and must display an applicable vehicle type compliance label to qualify for inspection.

Facility operators and Authorized Inspectors are reminded that any improper inspection of vehicles is a violation under the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulations* and may result in enforcement action.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Gilks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Greg" being more prominent than the last name "Gilks".

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