



Voluntary Code of Practice Manufacturers Plate



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1) Introduction

On the 10th February 2014, the Australian Heavy Vehicle legislation became national under the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) in all States and Territories, except Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

This included mutual recognition of Heavy Vehicle modification certification/approval by the various States and Territories and the adoption of individual Road Agency Modification Plate schemes modelled on the Queensland Transport “Blue Plate” scheme.

This action led to some uncertainty by industry and jurisdictions for vehicles that were fitted with a body and/or equipment by the Original Equipment Manufacturer, or their Australian representative (OEM), over and above that found on the base Cab/Chassis variant prior to first registration. In simple terms, the jurisdictions had no way of establishing if the body and/or equipment was fitted by the truck OEM, or by a third party and hence if a Modification Plate should be affixed or not. To clarify the OEM build configuration of a truck at first registration, many OEM’s produced a letter that detailed the body and/or equipment fitted by the OEM, while other OEM’s chose to affix a plate or decal to the truck, body, or equipment, that identified the body and/or equipment as being fitted by the OEM.

There was no standard or consistent approach and a degree of confusion at first registration continued. After some discussion between the TIC and the NHVR it was agreed that a uniform approach that clearly identified the OEM build configuration of a truck beyond that of the base Cab-Chassis variant was required and this Code Of Practice was developed.

2) Scope

This Code documents the affixing of a Manufacturers Plate to Heavy Vehicles that have bodies and/or equipment fitted by the OEM, over and above that found on the base Cab-Chassis variant.

The Manufacturers Plate will provide details of body and/or equipment fitted by the OEM to the truck, to jurisdictions at the point of first registration as well as to Heavy Vehicle inspectors, Road Agencies and Law Enforcement Agencies at any subsequent vehicle inspection/s.

3) Application of the plate

The OEM Manufacturers Plate is required only for trucks fitted with OEM fitted bodies and/or equipment over and above that found on the base Cab/Chassis variant.

The OEM is responsible for the fitment/installation of the body and/or equipment detailed on the Manufacturers Plate.

The OEM installed body and/or equipment detailed on the Manufacturers Plate will be limited to J and P codes of VSB6, or body and/or equipment detailed on the OEM's Identification Plate Approval (IPA) as a variant of the base Cab/Chassis.

The OEM will ensure that they have suitable production and quality procedures in place for the correct fitment/installation of the body and/or equipment that is detailed on the Manufacturers Plate. Where possible the body and/or equipment should form part of the OEM's IPA as a variant of the base Cab/Chassis.

The OEM will provide additional evidence of body and/or equipment detailed on the Manufacturers Plate to the NHVR, or a Road Agency, if so requested.

The OEM is NOT required to affix a Manufacturers Plate to the base Cab/Chassis variant, that is, a bare (unmodified) Cab/Chassis.

4) Requirements of the manufacturers plate

- a) Can be a Plate or an Adhesive Label. If a label, it must comply with the durability and tamper-proof specifications applying to an ADR Identification (Compliance) Plate.
- b) Must be permanently affixed by the OEM in a conspicuous position on the truck (preferably adjacent to the Identification (Compliance) Plate).
- c) Will have minimum dimensions of 70mm x 35mm.
- d) Will, where practical, be formatted as per the details shown in the Appendix.
- e) Will have, as a minimum, the information detailed in Figure 1 of the Appendix.
- f) Colour/s (and the displayed information) should be limited to: Silver, Black, or White. Printed information must be in a contrasting colour to the background, embossed, stamped or engraved information can be non-contrasting but must be clearly legible.
- g) Printed information on the Plate are detailed in Figure 1 of the Appendix, should be printed, embossed, stamped or engraved in characters at least 2.5mm high, clearly legible and where possible in CAPITAL LETTERS. Non-specified information, such as a Plate/Label Part Number and OEM Additional Information, etc, is at the discretion of the OEM.
- h) The OEM may include Additional Information such as: ADR62 D-Rating for tow couplings, tow coupling warnings or explanation notes, etc at the bottom of the Plate. Examples 2 and 3 detailed in Appendix illustrate.
- i) Only one (1) OEM Plate should ever be affixed to a new vehicle. Issuing of a replacement Manufacturers Plate, in the case that the original plate is damaged or becomes illegible, is at the discretion of the OEM.

5) Application Date

TIC members are required to fit a Manufacturers Plate (to applicable trucks) in accordance with this code of practice, to trucks with an Identification (Compliance) Plate date after the 31st March 2015 (that is, April 2015 – 04/15 date).

6) List of TIC members

- Allison Transmissions Australia Pty Ltd
- Cummins South Pacific Pty Ltd
- Daimler Truck and Bus Australia Pty Ltd (Fuso, Mercedes-Benz & Freightliner Trucks)
- Eaton Pty Ltd
- Hino Motor Sales Australia Pty Ltd (Hino Trucks)
- Isuzu Australia Ltd (Isuzu Trucks)
- Iveco Trucks Australia Ltd (Iveco Trucks, Iveco Vans & International Trucks)
- Navistar AusPac Pty Ltd
- PACCAR Australia Pty Ltd (Kenworth & DAF Trucks)
- Penske Commercial Vehicles Australia Pty Ltd (Western Star, MAN & Dennis Eagle Trucks)
- Penske Power Systems Ltd
- Scania Australia Pty Ltd (Scania Trucks)
- Volvo Group Australia Pty Ltd (Volvo, Mack & UD Trucks)

Appendix - Pictorial plate layouts

MANUFACTURER	
MANUFACTURER COMPETENT ENTITY No:	L00xxx
VIN:	AAA6XXYYZZ1234
DATE:	00/00
EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY VEHICLE MANUFACTURER:	
XXXXXXXXXXXX	
XXXXXXXXXXXX	
THIS PLATE MUST NOT BE REMOVED	

Figure 1

“Variable” information in Figure 1 and the following examples, is shown in **RED** for the purpose of clarity in this document. Note all CHARACTERS on the Manufacturers Plate should be the same colour.

Manufacturer:	Company name as it appears on the Identification (Compliance) Plate.
Competent Entity No:	Your companies (or Parent Companies RVCS COMPETENT ENTITY number, begins with an L, followed by a 5-digit number).
VIN:	17-character Alpha/Numeric, individual vehicle identifier.
Date:	Month/Year (2 x 2 numeric characters). The date of body and/or equipment fitment.
Equipment Description:	Alpha and/or Numeric characters. This could be Body Type (e.g. TIPPER), or Body Serial Number (e.g. SW-1234), or Tow coupling type (e.g. TURNTABLE, JOST TURNTABLE, 50mm TOW BALL COUPLING, RINGFEDER).
Additional Information:	The OEM may include Additional Information such as: the ADR62 D-Rating for a tow coupling, tow connection warnings, etc, at the bottom of the Plate. Examples of Additional Information are shown in BLUE highlight in the following Examples 2 and 3. Note: the BLUE highlight and RED text is used for the purpose of clarity in this document. All CHARACTERS on the Manufacturers Plate should be the same colour

Examples

1) Typical Manufacturers Plate

HINO MOTOR SALES AUSTRALIA	
MANUFACTURER COMPETENT ENTITY No:	L00123
VIN:	JHDFE7JIMXXX10100
DATE:	02/15
EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY VEHICLE MANUFACTURER:	
TIPPER BODY	
S/N:12345	
THIS PLATE MUST NOT BE REMOVED	

2) With OEM Additional Information

KENWORTH AUSTRALIA	
MANUFACTURER COMPETENT ENTITY No:	L00111
VIN:	6F5000000EA000000
DATE:	04/15
EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY VEHICLE MANUFACTURER:	
5TH WHEEL: JOST TURNTABLE - JSK 36DV-1	
ADR62 D-RATING: 220	
THIS PLATE MUST NOT BE REMOVED	

3) With OEM Additional Information

KENWORTH AUSTRALIA	
MANUFACTURER COMPETENT ENTITY No:	L00111
VIN:	6F5000000EA000000
DATE:	04/15
EQUIPMENT INSTALLED BY VEHICLE MANUFACTURER:	
5TH WHEEL: JOST TURNTABLE - JSK 36DV-1	
ADR62 D-RATING: 240	
WARNING: LEGAL OPERATING D-RATING IS LESSER OF VEHICLE, FIFTH WHEEL & KING PIN RATINGS.	
THIS PLATE MUST NOT BE REMOVED	