

WoF news

DRIVER AND VEHICLE CERTIFICATION UNIT

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Additional arm

The VCU has become the DVCU following the growth of an extra arm.

As driver certification and vehicle certification share some similar processes, the two areas have been combined under the Driver and Vehicle Certification Unit.

Turbo exhausts

During police operations, our reviewers frequently come across external wastegates, such as the one pictured below, that are not plumbed back into the exhaust system. These vehicles must fail the WoF.



MOT 4069

Do you issue alternative fuels installation certificates (MOT 4069)?

If you do, and you are still using the old version that asks you to send a copy of the form to the Ministry of Transport (MoT), then please note the following:

You no longer have to send copies to the MoT. Just keep the original for yourself and give a copy to the vehicle owner. The MoT copy can be thrown away.

This is in line with the 'newer' MOT 4069 form (the LTSA version), which only uses the original form for the garage and a copy for the vehicle owner. The MoT and Land Transport NZ no longer hold any MoT copies of the installation certificates.

Some reminders

- 1 Please follow the complaints process when dealing with a WoF complaint. Try to resolve the complaint yourself. If you can't, then ask the customer to contact the DVCU on 0800 699 000. Please do not refer them to Land Transport NZ's local regional office or to the reviewers.
- 2 If you are presented with a vehicle that is fitted with tinted window overlays, you need to assess whether the minimum required VLT of 35% has been met. If you can't do this with a tint meter or tint samples, you should refer the vehicle to a TSDA or another appropriate person to do the testing.
- 3 Warning messages on WoF online should not be ignored. A message that says 'This vehicle requires a CoF inspection' means that you must not issue a WoF. The vehicle must be referred to a TSDA.
- 4 You cannot legally issue a WoF to a vehicle that does not require one, such as a moped. If the owner wants you to inspect the vehicle anyway, just do a safety inspection. If you use a WoF checksheet, be sure to identify the fact that this inspection was not a WoF inspection (for example, write the words 'safety inspection only' on the checksheet). You are not permitted to enter the inspection on to the computer system or issue a WoF label.
- 5 Microsoft has withdrawn support for Windows 2000 and ME. Be warned that Telecom is also likely to do this. So upgrade now!
- 6 If you are missing Version 3, Amendment No.1, March 2007, General Vehicle Page 3-1-4 of your VIRM, please contact Jackie on 04 910 8166.
- 7 The only current Infosheets are:
 - 1.35 revision 5.1 Nissan Terrano and Mistral corrosion
 - 1.86 Additional child seats
 - 2.02 Webbing grabber seatbelts
 - 2.05 Spring-loaded ball joints
 - 2.07 Citroen Xantia and XM.

You can view these on our website at www.landtransport.govt.nz/publications/infosheets/.



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Security vans

Have you ever had to do a WoF inspection on a security van? If you have, you probably noticed a number of modifications to the vehicle, such as:

- a special bullet-proof windscreen
- blanking of side and rear windows
- fitting of polycarbonate side windows
- modified door locks for secure entry from outside the vehicle
- the addition of an internal bulkhead behind the driver's seat
- the addition of extra rear seating and seatbelt anchorages in the cargo area.

You should be aware that some of these modifications need to be LVV certified. For example, the bullet-proof windscreen often does not have the expected standards markings. LVV certifiers have an approved certification procedure that covers the windscreen and other modifications for security vans. If the vehicle doesn't have the correct LVV certification (or modification declaration), refer the vehicle to an LVV certifier.

Raised suspension

You may have noticed a growing trend to raise vehicles. This is sometimes done by fitting a suspension or body lift kit.

These types of modifications must be LVV certified.

These modifications may affect the stability of a vehicle by changing the centre of gravity, or they may impact on the steering system. Steering and suspension geometry can also be adversely affected if a vehicle is raised significantly.

Increased tyre size can also raise a vehicle. If the tyres are outside the limits specified in the VIRM, they must be LVV certified.

Banking matters

Please identify direct debit internet banking payments and cheques with your MS number and invoice number. Recently, we have had a few payments that we've had difficulty in allocating.

Unused 2007 WoF Labels

Any unused 2007 WoF labels should be returned to Wickliffe. Unused and partly used books may be returned, and you will be refunded 80 cents per unused label.

Returns *must* be sent in an official courier return pack. This can be ordered from the Wickliffe order line 0800 749 277.

Remember to keep a few 2007 labels as replacements for broken windscreens, etc. Also remember to note the returns in your records.

WoF inspections from July 2006 to June 2007

	TSDAs	Others
Inspections	2,103,863	5,213,707
% of total	28.75	71.25
% failures	23.47	29.44
% passes	76.53	70.56

Success ... at last!

It was with much gratification that we were told by one IO that a customer had taken his copy of *WoF news*, and he asked that we replace it. We were very happy to supply him with another copy.

If this becomes a trend, you can download copies from our website www.landtransport.govt.nz/publications/wof-news/index.html, but we don't require you to maintain these on file. If they become collectors' items, however, maybe you should ...

WoF online help

XTRA phone 0800 000 533 (for problems with accessing WoF online)

TRC phone 0800 804 580 / fax 06 354 6931 (for problems after you've accessed WoF online)

UNISYS phone 0800 243 687 (for problems with user access codes and passwords)

TRC phone 0800 108 809 (for phone inquiries from members of the public)

DVCU phone 0800 587 287 (for technical assistance and reporting staff movements)

Feedback?

We welcome your feedback. Please send any comments to:

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