Vehicle Safety and Standards Information Bulletin (Updated September 2018)

Vehicle Noise Assessors

Introduction
The Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014 (Regulations) stipulate specific noise levels for the various categories of motor vehicles.

It is now possible to carry out a stationary noise test in accordance with a national testing procedure to ascertain whether a particular vehicle complies with the standards.

Vehicle Noise Assessment Scheme
The Department of Transport (DoT) has introduced a scheme for the accurate measurement of motor vehicle noise emissions. DoT has Authorised Noise Level Assessors to carry out noise level measurements of vehicles.

The noise level measurements must be carried out in strict accordance with the National Transport Commission’s ‘National Stationary Exhaust Noise Test Procedures for In-Service Motor Vehicles’, April 2000.

Noise level measurements may be required on vehicles if they emit excessive noise or they require this noise test to be licensed, including ‘Individually Constructed Vehicles’ and ‘Street Rods’.

Authorised Noise Level Assessors are responsible for conducting the tests and issuing the vehicle owner with a Noise Level Record form. A service provider will usually charge the vehicle owner a fee for performing and recording these measurements.

Final inspection
The customer must then take their vehicle and the endorsed test result to an Authorised Inspection Station and the inspection will be finalized when the acoustic report confirms that the vehicle conforms to standards.
Authorised Noise Level Assessors (last updated September 2018)

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Related documents and links

- Australian Design Rules are available on the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities website (www.infrastructure.gov.au)
- Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014 accessible at www.legislation.wa.gov.au
- National stationary exhaust noise test procedures for in-service motor vehicles accessible on the National Transport Commission’s website (www.ntc.gov.au)

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