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OUTLINE

The *Motor Traffic Act 1936* (hereafter the Act) requires the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to prepare and maintain a Vehicle Inspection Manual (hereafter the Manual) for the purposes of conducting inspections and tests under the Act.

The Manual consists of two documents; the ACT Inspection Manual for Light Vehicles and the ACT Inspection Manual for Heavy Vehicles. These two documents, which need to be read or referenced as a set, in conjunction with referenced material describe the processes and procedures for conduction vehicle inspections for registration purposes, including how persons and premises can be approved to perform these inspections, and the standards or requirements which vehicles, their parts and equipment must meet prior to registration being granted and whenever they are being used on a public street or public place in the ACT.

Copies of the ACT Inspection Manual for Light Vehicles and ACT Inspection Manual for Heavy Vehicles can be purchased as a set from Road User Services, 13-15 Challis Street Dickson ACT 2602.

DETAILS

ACT Inspection Manual for Light Vehicles: describes the requirements which light vehicles must meet prior to registration and in-service.

Section 1: describes the functions of the Department of Urban Services in relation to vehicle safety, conduction of inspections and how and where advice can be obtained.

Section 2: contains details about inspection and premises personnel, the types of inspection stations and approved premises, equipment requirements and appointment procedures, the responsibilities of personnel involved in operating inspection premises and conducting inspections, and what happens when the requirements are not met.

Section 3: describes the processes of conducting an inspection, the maximum fees that can be charged for conducting an inspection, when inspections may be required, how inspection reports can be obtained and what to do when a report is lost or stolen, a suggested methodology for conducting an inspection, how inspection reports are to be used and the processes and requirements for vehicles issued with defect notices.

Section 4: contains the vehicle safety check standards which are the pass fail criteria for vehicles their components and equipment. This section is prepared with subsections for light vehicles, motorcycles, and trailers and caravans.

Section 5: describes the additional safety check standards which are required to be met by Taxis.

Section 6: describes the processes and procedures for: inspecting modified light vehicles, including descriptions of owner certified modifications, engineer certified light vehicles, and engineer certified individually constructed vehicles, dealing with vehicles built for the Australian market and vehicles which are imported, including those which are over 15 years of age.

Section 7: contains the appendices to the manual. These contain details of the equipment specifications required for premises, Australian Design Rule check standards for 2nd and 3rd edition ADRs along with the relevant applicability tables, vehicle dimension limits and requirements to be accepted as an engineering signatory and a list of people demonstrating these requirements and wishing to have their name published.

ACT Inspection Manual for Heavy Vehicles: describes the requirements which heavy vehicles must meet prior to registration and in-service.

Section 1: describes the functions of the Department of Urban Services in relation to vehicle safety, conduction of inspections, how and where advice can be obtained, and clearly describes the current position in relation to the conduct of heavy vehicle inspections.

Section 2: contains details about inspection and premises personnel, the types of inspection stations and approved premises, equipment requirements and appointment procedures, the responsibilities of personnel involved in operating inspection premises and conducting inspections, and what happens when the requirements are not met.

Section 3: describes the processes of conducting an inspection on a heavy vehicle, the maximum fees that can be charged for conducting an inspection, when inspections may be required, how inspection reports can be obtained and what to do when a report is lost or stolen, a suggested methodology for conducting an inspection, how inspection reports are to be used and the processes and requirements for vehicles issued with defect notices.

Section 4: contains the vehicle safety check standards which are the pass fail criteria for heavy vehicles, their components and equipment. This section is prepared with subsections for heavy motor vehicles and heavy trailers.

Section 5: describes the identity check standards which are required to be met by light and heavy vehicles.

Section 6: describes the processes and procedures for: inspecting modified heavy vehicles, including descriptions of owner certified modifications, engineer certified light vehicles, and engineer certified individually constructed vehicles, and how to conduct a design check.

Section 7: contains the appendices to the manual. These contain details of the equipment specifications required for premises, Australian Design Rule check standards for 2nd and 3rd edition ADRs along with the relevant applicability tables, lighting requirements, requirements to be accepted as an engineering signatory including a list of people demonstrating these requirements and wishing to have their name published, the requirements of fifth wheel couplings, and the requirements for fitting rear marker plates to heavy vehicles.