



Vehicle Safety Branch Information Bulletin

Engineering and Recognised Signatories

Background

All vehicles using Western Australian roads must comply with the Australian Design Rules and/or the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations & Rules 2002, clause 69. Alteration of vehicles provides that

A person must not, without the approval of the Director General, alter a motor vehicle or trailer from —

- the manufacturer's specifications; or
- its form when it was first licensed, in regard to any part of its construction, equipment or fittings that was effected, manufactured or constructed in accordance with an ADR by making an alteration referred to in the table to this sub regulation.

In January 2006 the department implemented the National "Code of Practice for light Vehicle Modifications" VSB14, this code was developed to provide a national acceptable set of technical specifications to assist owners to perform safe and legal modifications.

Purpose of this Bulletin

To provide vehicle owners and modifiers with a list of persons who are recognised by the Department of Transport as able to issue engineering or modification reports or certificates for modified vehicles modified by themselves or under their personal supervision.

This information sheet lists people with experience in automotive industry that have indicated that they are available for consultation. In publishing this list, the Vehicle Safety & Standards Section does not endorse their services nor does it take any responsibility for their work.

They are all familiar with various aspects of vehicle construction and modification requirements for vehicles in Western Australia.

All consultants are a private entity and for a fee they will provide advice to owners and vehicle constructors; undertake technical assessments in relation to National VSB14 National Code of Practice or issue engineering certificates where required.

Note: It is the responsibility of the vehicle constructor or owner intending to engage the services of a recognised signatory to establish the signatory's experience for the proposed scope of work and for their fee arrangements before work is commenced. It would also be advisable to ascertain whether the signatory carries Professional Indemnity Insurance.



An engineering signatory who certifies a motor vehicle with respect to its construction or modification must:

- personally inspect the vehicle;
- ensure that any construction or modification of a vehicle complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Rules 2002 (Rules-2002) and Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 2002 (VSR-2002) and where applicable, the appropriate Australian Design Rules;
- issue an engineering report, which satisfactorily addresses any concerns raised by officers from the Vehicle Safety & Standards Section.

Signatories recognised by the Vehicle Safety & Standards Section will generally have demonstrable experience in the automotive industry and are members of one of the engineering organizations below:

- The Institution of Engineers, Australia (IE Aust), or
- The Society of Automotive Engineers, Australasia (SAE-A) - Automotive Signatory Group.

This is by no means the only criterion used to ascertain an individual's suitability to be an engineering signatory. Some people who have been accepted as signatories hold only engineering qualifications at Diploma level, but they also have extensive experience in their specific areas of work.

It should be understood that few signatories, if any, could offer consultation services for all aspects of automotive design. The client is ultimately responsible for determining their specific areas of expertise before commissioning them. Professional engineers are bound by a code of practice limiting them to give advice only in areas where they are qualified to do so.

Officers from the Vehicle Safety & Standards Section may use their discretion not to accept an applicant, or to debar an existing engineering signatory, based on a lack of pertinent experience or an unfavourable record.

Signatories recognised by other state or territory registration authorities are also recognised by the Vehicle Safety & Standards Section. Upon request, the Vehicle Safety & Standards Section may provide a current list of engineering signatories from any state or territory.

If in doubt about whether any particular modification, however minor, is subject to this requirement, please consult the Vehicle Safety & Standards Section.

The tables 1 & 2 listed below contains signatories for both engineering and vehicle modifications, vehicle owners or modifiers may engage their services appropriate to the scope of modification proposed to be carried out.

Note: The lists is not conclusive. Other engineers or approved persons may submit acceptable reports provided they are suitably qualified and experienced. It is recommended that you check with the Manager Vehicle Standards, Vehicle Safety & Standards Section, to confirm that their reports will be acceptable to our jurisdiction before they are commissioned.



Table 1.

List of Consulting Engineers (Engineering)

NAME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	TEL/ MOBILE	FAX	E MAIL/ INTERNET ADDRESS	PROF. M/SHIP
APGAR W Jack	W J APGAR	11 Telopia Dr. DUNCRAIG WA 6023	(8) 9246 1600	(8) 9447 7231	apgar@inet.net.au	FIE Aust
STEVENS Don	D E Stevens	183 Bateman Road Brentwood W A 6153	(8) 9364 9557	(8) 93649557	dons_1934@hotmail.com	FIE Aust
HILLERIN Romeo	ROMARTA Automotive Consulting Engineering.	12 Kearney Mews Marangaroo WA 6064	(8) 9342 6976 0417 996 229	(8) 9343 7589	romeoh@bigpond.net.au	MIE Aust
PITIC Dan	ENDRACON	6 Brighton Mews HILLARYS WA 6025	(8) 9307 1436 0419 932 022	(8) 9307 1046	apitic@bigpond.net.au	MIE Aust.
SOUTHAM Terry	Terry Southam & Associates	P O Box 1608 Booragoon WA 6954	(8) 9310 2939 0417 811 044		tsoutham@bigpond.net.au	MIE Aust. CPEng
BONNEVILLE Jean	A. Enkelman & Associates P/L	Factory 1/5, Braeside Drive VIC 3195	(03) 9580 3024	(03) 9587 1268	Jc.bonneville@enkelman.com.au andrew@enkelman.com.au	ME, MIE Aust



Table 2.

List of Recognised Signatories.(Modifications)

NAME	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	TEL/ MOBILE	FAX	E MAIL/ INTERNET ADDRESS	PROF. M/SHIP
Style Rodney	Rodney Style and Associates	6 Belinda Ave CLOVERDALE W A 6105	(8) 9277 5050 0417 918 024	(8) 9277 7445	rodstyle@inet.net.au	MIAME
MACKAY Fred	Braking Analytical Services	50 Broadway EMBLETON WA 6062	(8) 9276 5401 0418 958 755	(8) 9276 5401	baswa@bigpond.com	MIAME AMSAE MVIB REG MR14
TRIVEDI Tito	Trivedi Design Pty Ltd	8 Levey Rise WINTHROP WA 6150	(8) 9332 2030 0412 456 545	(8) 9332 2030	tito@trivedi.com.au	Mech. Eng Diploma.
BUTLER Neil	NB Drafting	17 Jolliffe Street Busselton W A 6280	(8) 9975 1456 0407 545 830	(8) 9754 4104	NBDrafting@primus.com.au	Diploma Mech. Eng.
SILICH Brett	Velocious Rapid Technology	GPO Box 2760 Perth W A 6001	0422 238 769	(8) 9228 4103	bsilich@velocious.com.au	GradIE, Aust
HOPE Jim		63 Cheraton Drive Carramar WA 6031	(8) 9306 9876 0410 040 331	(8) 9306 9876	jandhope@smartchat.net.au	SAE, MSAE Australia
ABBOTT D J	Automotive Investigation Services	6 Viewpointe Cove BALLAJURA W A 6066	(8) 9248 9109 0417 090 382		da831416bigpond.net.au	CAE, MIAME, SAE
ROSSI Salvatore	Rossi Mechanical Engineering Services	82 Basildon Road Lesmurdie W A 6076	(8) 9291 9368 0411 133 588		svrossi@primus.com.au	BE
DYKE Graham	WDF Services	35 Robinson Rd WANDI WA 6167	(8) 9397 0124	(8) 9397 2222	wdf@upnaway.com	Diploma Struct' l Eng

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