

Motor Vehicle Registry Information Bulletin

V55 Driver Training Vehicles (Dual Control Fitment)

Introduction

The information contained in this bulletin is intended as a guide for those who wish to fit dual controls to a motor vehicle under 4.5 tonne Gross Vehicle Mass, for the purpose of using the vehicle as a driver training vehicle. The fitting of dual controls is a vehicle modification and as such requires approval by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Minimum requirements

To render a vehicle suitable for professional driver training, the following minimum dual control requirements apply:

- a passenger's side brake pedal;
- an additional internal rear vision mirror located such that the instructor can see traffic approaching from the rear (sun visor mounted vanity mirrors are not acceptable for this application); and
- a clearly visible label fitted to the passenger's side of the dashboard carrying the words:- **THIS VEHICLE IS FITTED WITH DUAL CONTROLS.**

Note: A major purpose of dual controls is emergency crash avoidance. Dual controls must be able to be operated instantly, without the need for visual check of pedal location.

Technical Requirements and Approval

Driver training vehicles fitted with dual controls will be acceptable for registration subject to the following conditions:

- An application must be made to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and approved in principle prior to any modifications being carried out.
- The controls are to be mounted:
 1. as close as practicable to the same horizontal plane as the driver's side pedals;
 2. as close as practicable to the same vertical plane as the driver's side pedals; and
 3. such that travel and response is similar to those of the driver's side pedals.
- Controls are to be mounted on a suitable structural section of the vehicle.
- Pedals, cables and pivots are to be of equivalent strength, material and durability as original controls.
- The installation of controls shall not compromise the vehicles compliance with any Australian Design Rule or interfere with any occupant protection system, including a passenger side SRS airbag.
- Items such as glove compartment or parcel tray must not prevent ready access to dual controls.
- All modifications are to be carried out in accordance with best engineering practice.

- The vehicle must be inspected as and when directed by the TAC approval in principle. A TAC certificate of vehicle modification will be issued when all the required inspections are completed satisfactorily.

For further information refer to MVR Information Bulletin/Form V32 – Vehicle Modifications (www.nt.gov.au/transport/mvr/vehiclestandards/infobulletins/ibv32.pdf), or contact the following MVR Vehicle Compliance Centres:

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