

Vehicle Inspections & Standards
NOTICE
To All Authorized Inspectors (AI) and Designated Inspection Facilities (DIF)

Re: Amendment of Vehicle Fender / Mudflap Vehicle Inspection Criteria

On **July 4, 2016**, by Order in Council (OIC) 1004/58, amendments to Motor Vehicle Act Regulation (MVAR) Division 7.01 were enacted to allow for 1940 and earlier model year vehicles to operate on highway without mudguards or mudflaps as required by MVAR Division 7.06 under specific conditions.

Effective **July 7, 2016**, motor vehicles manufactured in 1940 or earlier; replicars and replikits intended to resemble a 1940 or earlier make and model; or vehicles defined in [Motor Vehicle Act Regulation 7.01](#) are exempt from Section 8 – Body - Inspection item 2 c) – fenders, quarter panels and mud flaps vehicle inspection criteria defined in the vehicle Inspection Manual (2016):

Item and Method of Inspection	Reject If
2010	2010
c) fenders, quarter panels and mudflaps NOTE: All vehicles including modified collectors, vintage, ubilt, replicar, replikit and speciality vehicles require fenders/quarter panels.	c) so damaged or corroded that factory installed lamps cannot be secured as per factory installation method, missing section torn or corroded away so road spray is not controlled, not full-tread width of tire, fitted so that it could cause interference with steering mechanism or cause rubbing of tires when suspension bottomed and steering moved stop to stop, includes rear wheels
2016	2016
c) fenders, quarter panels and mudflaps NOTE: The following vehicles are exempt and do not require fenders and/or mudguards: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manufactured vehicles in 1940 or earlier; 2. Vehicles designed to resemble 1940 or earlier vehicles; or 3. Vehicles defined in Motor Vehicle Act Regulation 7.01. All other vehicles including modified collectors, vintage, ubilt, replicar, replikit and speciality vehicles require fenders/quarter panels.	c) so damaged or corroded that factory installed lamps cannot be secured as per factory installation method, missing section torn or corroded away so road spray is not controlled, not full-tread width of tire, fitted so that it could cause interference with steering mechanism or cause rubbing of tires when suspension bottomed and steering moved stop to stop, includes rear wheels

Where a vehicle is subject to an inspection and is exempted under MVAR 7.01, a comment indicating the vehicle was not equipped with fenders, mudguards or mudflaps must be noted on the inspection report.

Should you have any further questions please contact Geoff Ford, VIP Program Advisor at Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250-953-4039.

Regards,



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