

### Vehicle Inspections & Standards

# **BULLETIN**

## To All Authorized Inspectors and Inspection Facilities

### **Re: Ex-Military Vehicles**

This bulletin replaces the Ex-Military Utility Vehicle Inspections Bulletin 01-21 issued February 2, 2021.

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify if an ex-military vehicle may be inspected under Division 25 of the *Motor Vehicle Act Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 26/58 (the "MVAR").

If an ex-military vehicle displays either a Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (CMVSS) or Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) label of compliance, it may be inspected under Division 25 in the following cases:

- under Part 1 if the vehicle has a licensed gross vehicle weight greater than 8,200kg,
- under Part 3, if salvaged, or altered as described in Part 3, or
- under Part 4 if (a) the vehicle is registered, titled or licensed, or was previously registered, titled or licensed, at a place outside British Columbia, (b) is presented to ICBC for registration, and (c) has a net vehicle weight of not more than 3 500 kg

### **Non-conforming ex-military vehicles**

A "non-conforming ex-military vehicle" means a vehicle that was not designed to conform to the standards prescribed in the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada) for motor vehicles designed for use on a highway at the time the vehicle was manufactured. Non-conforming ex-military vehicles will not have a CMVSS or FMVSS label of compliance.

A non-conforming ex-military vehicle can ONLY be inspected under MVAR Division 25 Part 1 if its licensed gross vehicle weight is greater than 8,200kg. Even if a non-conforming ex-military vehicle passes inspection, it is not authorized for unrestricted highway use.

### **Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors**

Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors must ensure that any ex-military type of vehicle submitted for inspection displays the necessary compliance information (CMVSS or FMVSS compliance labels) and can be inspected as required by MVAR Div. 25.

All vehicle inspections conducted as part of the provincial Vehicle Inspection Program must meet all applicable standards set out in the *Motor Vehicle Act*, the MVAR and the Vehicle Inspection Manual to receive a Certificate of Approval following a complete mechanical safety inspection.



Facility operators and Authorized Inspectors are reminded that any improper inspection of vehicles is a violation under the MVAR and may result in enforcement action.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact your local [Area Vehicle Inspector](#) or the Vehicle Inspection Program at [Vehicle.Inspections@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Vehicle.Inspections@gov.bc.ca) or 778-974-5458.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Ford', written in a cursive style.

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