

The intent of these guidelines is to ensure all import vehicles meet CMVSS safety standards and to minimize potential liabilities for Designated Inspection Facilities and Authorized Inspectors.

The following information is for reference only to show what may be required for import vehicles to pass inspection. All noted information, compliance notes and photographs must be retained by the facility upon completion of each import inspection for audit purposes and / or submitted on request of CVSE.

Sample Template for Required Vehicle Compliance Information

Inspection Confirmation Number _____

Vehicle Safety Inspection Compliance Worksheet

<u>Year/Make/Model</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>Engine</u>	<u>Transmission</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
As on insp. report	Japanese VIN	Gas / Diesel	Manual / Auto	#

<u>Part Description</u>	<u>Installed for Compliance</u>	<u>OEM Compliance</u>
Head light lens	Headlight type and marking information	N/A
Tail light lens	SAE/DOT markings	OEM Markings
Third brake light	Part installed and DOT/SAE markings (as required)	OEM – functioning (if equipped)
Daytime running light	Daytime running light assembly installed – part or type	N/A
Tires	Type and safety markings	Type and safety markings
Catalytic converter	Installed (gas required, diesel not required)	Functioning (if equipped)
Front windshield	AS1	AS1
Rear windshield	AS2	AS2
Side window	AS2	AS2
Light Bulbs	Replace all light bulbs to meet CMVSS approval	N/A
Neutral safety switch	Installed - Required for Auto. Trans Not required - manual	Functioning (if OEM)
Side Reflex Reflectors	Installed - front and rear (as per regulations and manual)	Confirm if OEM

Illuminate side markers	Install illuminated side marker assembly front and rear (as required)	Confirm if OEM
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***Include confirmation number and facility information.

***Any and all parts or modifications used to meet compliance standards must be included in summary.

Compliance Photos

***All photos need to clearly show vehicle compliance and are in addition to the compliance information.

Require clear photos showing:

- **Headlight compliance markings**
- **Reflector installation**
- **Tire safety marking**
- **Glazing Material**
- **Factory VIN**

***These photos are samples only. All photos showing specific compliance are helpful and will vary depending on vehicle. More photos may be required depending on particular modifications or additions required.

***Any modifications to vehicle need to be documented in summary and clearly photographed showing how CMVSS standard(s) is met. IE Headlights are PERMENANTLY mounted, fully adjustable and will not vibrate out of alignment.

45 degree sides



Headlights



E Code Headlight Markings



Glazing Material



Corner Markers and Tail Lights



Factory VIN



Tires



Other Information and Regulations

Reflex Reflectors

A lamp or cover that emits a reflection may be considered a reflector. Visually inspect: Any reflector does not meet the requirements of CMVSS, SAE and as set out below:

- a) clearance reflectors a) four, located two on the front and two on the rear, front amber, rear red, clearly visible
- b) side marker reflectors b) four located two on each side as close to corners as practical, front amber, rear red, clearly visible

Side Marker Illumination

Side marker lamps	Must have four, located two on either side as close to corner as practical, front amber, rear red, clearly visible, activated by head lamp control
One lamp may serve as both side marker and park lamp provided it can be seen from both side and front and side and rear.	height is not less than 38 cm (14 in.) above road surface

***please note the "as close to corners as practical" requirement for the placement of the reflectors.

***Conspicuity tape is **not approved** for use on light vehicles. Reflectors must be must be hard plastic, DOT / SAE approved and must be permanently mounted in the proper locations to meet the standard.

***JIS (Japanese Industrial Standard) lenses MAY NOT include any incorporated reflex reflectors. Additions or modifications may be required.

CANADA MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT

Motor Vehicle Tire Safety Regulations, 1995

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Tires for Passenger Cars

9. (1) Every tire referred to in section 5 shall have permanently and legibly moulded into or onto

(a) both sidewalls of the tire, in letters and numerals not less than 2.0 mm (0.078 in.) in height,

(i) the tire size designation, expressed in metric units or Imperial units or both,

(ii) the maximum permissible inflation pressure, expressed in kilopascals or pounds per square inch or both,

(iii) the maximum load rating, expressed in kilograms or pounds or both,

(iv) the generic name of the material used in the cord of the sidewall and tread,

(v) the actual number of plies in the sidewall and, if different, the actual number of plies in the tread,

(vi) a word or expression indicating that the tire contains a tube or does not contain a tube, as the case may be, and

(vii) the word "radial" if the tire is a radial ply tire; and

(b) at least one sidewall of the tire,

(i) the name of the tire manufacturer, or

(ii) the brand name of the tire and the symbols that identify the tire manufacturer.

(2) In addition to the information set out in subsection (1), every tire that has a maximum permissible inflation pressure of 415 kPa (60 p.s.i.) shall have permanently and legibly moulded into or onto both sidewalls of the tire, in letters and numerals not less than 12 mm (0.5 in.) in height, words expressing a maximum permissible inflation pressure in kilopascals or in pounds per square inch, or both, between shoulder and bead of the tire in such a manner that the words are not obstructed by the rim flange.

Established by

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