

Repair news

REPAIR CERTIFIERS NEWS



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Welcome back

After a short hiatus *Repair news* is back! We hope to put a issue out twice a year and will include some vehicle specific issues and we'll keep you up to date with the

number of repair certifications issued as well as the amount of used vehicles crossing the border and other useful information that comes in.

An introduction to Graeme Swan

Some of you may have meet Graeme Swan at various repair certifier meetings.

Graeme is a Technical Coordinator in the Technical Support Certification and MVR team at NZTA, He also looks after LVV certification and also works in the areas of entry certification and border inspection. He's been with NZTA for 6 ½ years.

Graeme is a qualified mechanic and before joining NZTA spent 10 years working as a mechanic at Mitsubishi, Toyota, Nissan and Chrysler/Jeep dealerships as well as some smaller local garages in the Wellington region.

Graeme's interests are sailing, football, photography as well as a bit of golf and of course motorsport, although mainly rallying. Graeme has followed motor sport all of his life and some his earliest memories are of watching the Group B rally monsters spitting flames through the forests.

Graeme's started competing at club events in 2000, and joined the service crew for a number of vehicles competing in the NZ Rally championship and Rally NZ, before competing in regional rallies in a DX Corolla. The highlight of his motor sport career to date was co driving in the 2007 Rally NZ where he finished 51st over all after damaging a rear diff on the final leg of the rally.

Due to family commitments (wife and 3 boys) Graeme has been restricted to the occasional autocross and motokhana event over the last couple of years, but



he hopes to get behind the wheel a little more often when the boys are a bit older.

Australian write-offs

During 2012 a number of Australian states changed their laws so vehicles that were declared to be statutory write-offs could not be put back on the road.

This lead to a number of people exporting the vehicles to New Zealand. So far the NZTA is aware of about 180 vehicles that have been declared to be statutory write-offs in Australia making their way to our shores. A number of these vehicles have slipped through the certification system with out being picked up and the NZTA have now written to the owner/importers recalling them for further inspection.

If you are presented a vehicle that has been written off in Australia please get in contact with Graeme Swan at graeme.swan@nzta.govt.nz and request the damage notes form the Australian authorities.

As a result of this issue the NZTA will be looking at the import requirements for vehicles from Australia with a view to tightening them where necessary.

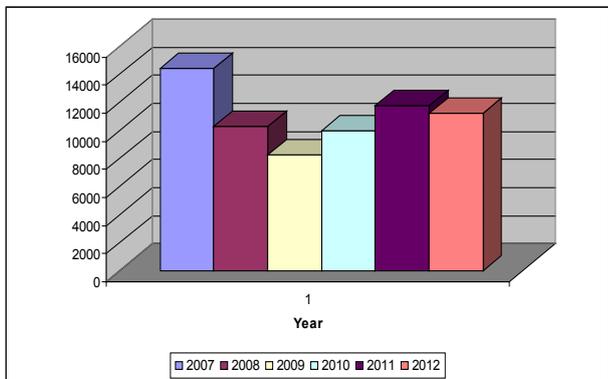
Border check figures and repair statistics

During 2012 there were 77,500 vehicles border checked. This was down about 15% on the 2011 figures, the good news is that repair certification numbers only dropped 4.5% during the same period.

2012 was another solid year for repair certification with 11,184 certifications issued - 70% of these certifications were for used imports while the remaining 30% were for vehicles undergoing re-registration. So far 2013 has begun well and we are on track for the 11,000 mark again.

2013 FIGURES SO FAR...	
January	888
February	920
March	1133
April	1108

PREVIOUS YEARS	
2007	14,373
2008	10,291
2009	8251
2010	9917
2011	11,713
2012	11,184



Vehicle specific issues

This issue we look at the **Nissan Elgrand ME51 and NE51** and corrosion to the rear suspension subframe mounting points. **These mounts appear to be corroding from the inside out.**

This model will be with us for a few years to yet so keep your eyes peeled for any potentially effected vehicles.



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