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3-5 Establishing whether the vehicle complies

1. Select the relevant section that relates to vehicle inspection requirements for the vehicle class. For temporary import vehicles on overseas registration plates, please refer to [Technical bulletin 6](#).
2. Visually inspect the vehicle to determine whether the vehicle complies with the requirements set out in this manual (see [clause 3.1.2.2](#) of the Introduction). Vehicle inspectors are not required to remove vehicle components during the inspection of the vehicle.
3. The vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation may refuse to inspect a vehicle which:
 - a) is presented in such a condition that inspection is unreasonably difficult or cannot be completed (components missing, covered in dirt, etc) or
 - b) has an insecure load.
4. Where the vehicle inspector determines that a Reason for rejection or [clause 3.1.2.2](#) of the Introduction to this manual applies to a vehicle, the vehicle inspector must reject the vehicle for certification.
5. Where the vehicle inspector requires further information in order to determine compliance with the requirements, the inspector must reject the vehicle until the information has been obtained.
6. Where a vehicle has changed use to a passenger service vehicle since it was last certified for entry or in-service (ie the vehicle enters service as a passenger service vehicle), the vehicle inspector must have written confirmation (in the form of a PSV entry checksheet) that the vehicle complies with the PSV requirements in the [VIRM: Entry certification](#) before it can pass certificate of fitness inspection.