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## **3-6 Establishing whether the vehicle aspect complies**

### **Certifications by an engineer certifier**

1. Start a Procedure Documentation Sheet (PDS) for the vehicle.
2. Inspect the vehicle to be certified at a location that allows adequate access and equipment to allow a full and detailed inspection.
3. Record all relevant details and dimensions for the proposed or existing aspect of the vehicle that requires certification.
4. Collect all relevant information that is required for the certification of that vehicle aspect.
5. Compare what the vehicle owner/workshop wants to do with the relevant sections of the VIRM and

ensure that no reasons for rejection will be invoked. If they are, the HV certifier should advise the owner/workshop in writing and detail the options.

6. Complete design drawings, specifications and calculations as required.
7. Complete a Statement of Design Compliance, if required (see [section 3.5](#)), and supply it as well as all drawings and specifications required to complete the proposed work to the workshop/vehicle owner. Such information should include dimensions, materials and welding specifications.
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9. Carry out inspections of the work as required. If the vehicle is presented fully completed, disassembly of certain parts may be required at the discretion of the HV certifier. Compare the work against the requirements of the design drawings and specifications provided. The inspection should include the quality of materials and workmanship.
10. Compare the finished work and documentation against the VIRM for reasons for rejection and if any of the reasons for rejection apply, reject the vehicle for certification.
11. If the HV certifier requires further information in order to determine compliance with the requirements, he must reject the vehicle until the information has been obtained.
12. Complete the PDS and issue an LT400 for the aspect that has been certified if no reasons for rejection exist.

### **Certifications by manufacturing certifier**

1. Start a PDS for the vehicle.
2. Inspect the vehicle to be certified at a premises that allows adequate access and equipment to allow a full and detailed inspection.
3. Inspect the vehicle against the Statement of Design Compliance, if required (see [section 3.5](#)), issued by a HV engineer certifier or against one of the approved pre engineered solutions. The inspection should include materials and

workmanship.

4. Collect any relevant supporting documentation.
5. Compare the inspection results against the VIRM for reasons for rejection and if any exist, reject the vehicle for certification.
6. Complete the PDS and issue an LT400 for the aspect that has been certified if no reasons for rejection exist.

## **Prerequisite documentation**

### **Certifications by engineer**

1. Designs for the work involved in the vehicle aspect.
2. Statement of Design Compliance or LT400 signed by an HV Specialist Certifying Engineer for that aspect.
3. PDS.

### **Certifications by local manufacturer**

1. Designs for the work involved in the vehicle aspect, where this involves the chassis, drawbar, drawbeam, heavy vehicle brakes or log bolsters.
2. Statement of Design Compliance or reference to pre engineered solutions, for the work involved in the vehicle aspect.
3. PDS.