

VIRM: Border inspection of used imported vehicles

Amendment details

Amendment date	Reasons for amendment	Amendment details
5 May 2025	To remove the risk of potentially damaged vehicles inspected at the border not being flagged for damage and improve consistent border inspections.	Reference material 1: Guidelines for the detection of reportable damage on import
22 January 2025	Additional Toyota and Lexus models added to Vehicles that must be inspected for ITS Connect.	Vehicles fitted with ITS Connect
21 August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in NZTA contact details • Removal of repetitive content in a technical bulletin • Reminder about ESC warning lights 	Introduction 2 Contacts Technical bulletin 3: Vehicles fitted with ITS Connect Reference material 1: Guidelines for the detection of reportable damage
3 July 2024	Update to the regulatory fee.	The border inspection process
4 March 2024	Additional Toyota and Lexus models added to Vehicles that must be inspected for ITS Connect.	Vehicles fitted with ITS Connect
21 February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New reference material added, 6-4 Minor/cosmetic damage: Floor pan stiffening members. • Updated wording on reference material 5-1. 	Reference material 6-4 Minor/cosmetic damage: Floor pan stiffening members Reference material 5-1 Underbody damage: Crushing of floor pan stiffening members
10 December 2023	Replaced the table in Technical bulletin 3 to list specific model codes of vehicles that must be inspected for ITS Connect.	10 December 2023 amendment preview
	Updated sample image for <i>Notice to the importer</i> label.	Reference material 3: Notice to the importer

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3 October 2023	Updated definitions to align with the Entry certification VIRM.	7 Definitions and abbreviations
1 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacing list of vehicles that must be inspected for ITS Connect. • Adding information about ITS Connect and electronic stability control systems to the Introduction. • Updating RM5-4 Damage to rocker panels to add cant rails. 	1 October 2023 amendment preview
29 March 2023	Update regarding PPSRs and vehicles imported from Australia.	Reference material 1: Guidelines for the detection of reportable damage on import Reference material 10: Inspection of motorcycles
1 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acid wash added as a reason to report a repaired vehicle. • Border Inspection System administration and corrections information section added. 	1 October 2022 amendment preview
21 September 2021	A small change to the technical bulletin to clarify where, when and how certain information is to be recorded.	Technical bulletin 3: Vehicles fitted with ITS Connect
23 June 2021	<p>A minor change has been made to Technical bulletin 3: Vehicles fitted with ITS Connect regarding how information about vehicles fitted with ITS-Connect is recorded.</p> <p>The change is to clarify where notes are to be recorded for vehicles not fitted with ITS-connect. You should record notes in the BIO's vehicle file, not BIS.</p>	Technical bulletin 3: Vehicles fitted with ITS Connect
1 April 2021	New technical bulletin that defines the process for identifying vehicles fitted with ITS Connect systems and how these vehicles need to be processed if an ITS Connect system is fitted.	Technical bulletin 3: Vehicles fitted with ITS Connect

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26 September 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Technical bulletin regarding Takata non-alpha airbags and the process that will be in place from 1 November 2018. • Technical bulletin 1 renamed Takata alpha airbag recall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical bulletin 1: Takata alpha airbag recall • Technical bulletin 2: Takata non-alpha airbag recall
16 May 2018	Amended page and new technical bulletin regarding the process around the Takata Alpha airbag recall	The border inspection process
3 June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition from PDF to inspection portal format • New checksheet for outside NZ inspections • Updated sticker and labeling instructions • Updates to Border inspection system guidelines • Other general items. 	List of changes (PDF)