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<b>NZTA</b>	means the NZ Transport Agency
<b>Make</b>	in relation to a motor vehicle, means the name given for market identification to a group or groups of motor vehicles by a company or organisation which owns that name.
<b>New motor vehicle</b>	<p>In relation to a vehicle, means a vehicle that:</p> <p>a) has not been registered and operated in New Zealand or any other country, and</p> <p>b) has not been operated on a road in New Zealand or any other country as a demonstration or courtesy vehicle, and</p> <p>c) has not been used for training or testing purposes, and</p> <p>d) is not a scratch-built vehicle that contains components that were fitted to a vehicle operated on the road in New Zealand or any other country.</p>
<b>Structural damage</b>	<p>Includes any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• distortion or buckling of panels or pressings forming part of the unitary body construction, which causes misalignment from the original state.</li> <li>• corrosion of panels, pressings or welds in the unitary body structure which degrades the strength of the structure.</li> <li>• deformation in the crush zones; cracking in or adjacent to welds; misalignment of the suspension or damaged to the attachment points to the body structure.</li> <li>• cracking or deformation of cross members, sills or chassis rails.</li> <li>• misalignment, deformation, cracking or corrosion of a separate chassis frame.</li> </ul>
<b>Used motor vehicle</b>	means a vehicle that is not a new vehicle.