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NZTA	means the NZ Transport Agency
Make	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.
New motor vehicle	<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>
Structural damage	<p>Includes any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distortion or buckling of panels or pressings forming part of the unitary body construction, which causes misalignment from the original state. • corrosion of panels, pressings or welds in the unitary body structure which degrades the strength of the structure. • 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. • cracking or deformation of cross members, sills or chassis rails. • misalignment, deformation, cracking or corrosion of a separate chassis frame.
Used motor vehicle	means a vehicle that is not a new vehicle.