



# Road Vehicle Standards

## Guide to specialist and enthusiast vehicles—Appendix 1

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### Significant differences that distinguish variants of a vehicle make or model

Vehicle category code	Significant differences distinguishing variants of a vehicle make or model
LA, LB, LC, LD, LC MA, MB, MC	<p>A difference between internal combustion only, electric only, plug-in hybrid or non-plug-in hybrid</p> <p>For internal combustion engines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a different configuration. For example: number of cylinders, arrangement of cylinders</li> <li>• a different induction method between naturally aspirated, turbocharged, supercharged or turbocharged + supercharged</li> <li>• A different fuel type. For example: petrol, diesel, LPG (this does not extend to a difference in fuel grade such as regular unleaded vs premium unleaded)</li> <li>• a difference in capacity of:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– at least 30% for L-group vehicles</li> <li>– at least 20% for M-group vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For electric-only vehicles (not hybrids) a difference in driving range on a single charge of at least 10%.</p> <p>An increase in maximum power of at least 30%.</p> <p>A different transmission type.</p> <p>A higher number of gears in the transmission.</p> <p>A difference in number or position of powered axles. For example: FWD, AWD, RWD.</p> <p>A different number of steered axles.</p> <p>A different body shape. For example: sedan, station wagon, hatchback, coupé, convertible.</p> <p>A different number of side doors.</p> <p>A difference in the maximum number of suitable seating positions of at least 50%. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a 3-seater has 50% more seats than an Aus-provided 2-seater</li> <li>• a 5-seater has 150% more seats than an Aus-provided 2-seater</li> <li>• a 2-seater has 50% fewer seats than an Aus-provided 4-seater</li> <li>• a 7-seater has 40% more seats than an Aus-provided 5-seater</li> <li>• a 2-seater has 33% fewer seats than an Aus-provided 3-seater.</li> </ul>

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	<p>A different vehicle category.</p> <p>Features designed to assist a person with a disability.</p>
<b>MD, ME (GVM ≤ 12 tonnes)</b> <b>NA, NB</b>	<p>A difference between internal combustion only, electric only, plug-in hybrid or non-plug-in hybrid.</p> <p>For internal combustion engines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a different configuration. For example: number of cylinders, arrangement of cylinders</li> <li>• a different induction method between naturally aspirated, turbocharged, supercharged or turbocharged + supercharged</li> <li>• a different fuel type. For example: petrol, diesel, LPG (this does not extend to a difference in fuel grade such as regular unleaded vs premium unleaded)</li> <li>• a difference in capacity of at least 50%.</li> </ul> <p>For electric-only vehicles (not hybrids) a difference in driving range on a single charge of at least 10%. An increase in maximum power of at least 50%.</p> <p>A different transmission type.</p> <p>A higher number of gears in the transmission.</p> <p>A difference in number or position of powered axles. For example: RWD, 4WD.</p> <p>A different number of steered axles.</p> <p>a different body shape.</p> <p>A different number of side doors.</p> <p>A difference in the maximum number of suitable seating positions of at least 50%. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a 3-seater has 50% more seats than an Aus-provided 2-seater</li> <li>• a 5-seater has 150% more seats than an Aus-provided 2-seater</li> <li>• a 2-seater has 33% fewer seats than an Aus-provided 3-seater.</li> </ul> <p>A different vehicle category.</p> <p>Features designed to assist a person with a disability.</p>
<b>ME (GVM &gt; 12 tonnes)</b> <b>NC</b>	<p>A difference between internal combustion only, electric only, plug-in hybrid or non-plug-in hybrid</p> <p>For internal combustion engines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a different configuration. For example: number of cylinders, arrangement of cylinders</li> <li>• a different fuel type. For example: petrol, diesel, LPG (this does not extend to a difference in fuel grade such as regular unleaded vs premium unleaded)</li> <li>• a difference in capacity of at least 50%.</li> </ul> <p>For electric-only vehicles (not hybrids) a difference in driving range on a single charge of at least 10%. An increase in maximum power of at least 50%.</p> <p>A difference in number or position of powered axles. For example: RWD, 4WD.</p> <p>A different number of steered axles.</p> <p>A different vehicle category.</p> <p>Features designed to assist a person with a disability.</p>