

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Talk to the Service Manager or mechanic next time your vehicle is serviced to review and understand any defects found and their possible causes. This can help raise awareness of vehicle operations for future safe motoring
- Excessive smoke from the exhaust can also deem the vehicle to be un-roadworthy

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Vehicle Roadworthiness

To ensure the safety of drivers, crews and other road users, it is essential to ensure that all vehicles, especially heavy vehicles are regularly checked and maintained in accordance with operational and road safety regulations.

All drivers are legally responsible for the safety and roadworthiness of the vehicles they drive.

Before driving any vehicle you must ensure that it is safe and roadworthy.

It is an offence to drive a defective or un-roadworthy vehicle. A traffic infringement notice can be issued to the driver for presenting an un-roadworthy vehicle for inspection or if it is found to be in use on public roads.

The recent NSW registration and HVIS inspection process resulted in defects being recorded for 30% of the ARTC Heavy Vehicle fleet. This not only indicates a lack of safety compliance by the drivers of these vehicles, but also increases the risk of vehicles being deregistered or causing an accident on the road with potentially fatal consequences.

Daily pre-start checks must be undertaken in order to effectively monitor and manage the condition of your vehicle. Do not rely on scheduled servicing alone. Key inspection points for pre-start checks include:

- Brakes (including park brake)
- Steering
- Wheels & tyres
- Suspension
- Exhaust system
- Lights and indicators
- Windscreen & windows
- Seats & seatbelts
- Controls & instruments
- Body work, fixtures & fittings

Caution: If you become aware of a problem with the vehicle you are driving, you must make a written report on the Vehicle Log Book in the defect section supplied. This then needs to be reported to your Supervisor and rectified at the first available opportunity.



Plant and Fleet personnel will be conducting random and scheduled vehicle safety inspections in all corridors. Completed inspection reports including overall condition and defects noted shall be forwarded to the relevant Delivery Manager. Recommendations will be provided on site at the point of inspection for any safety critical defects found.

If you require further information on this subject please contact any of the Plant or Fleet representatives nominated here.