

Government of South Australia Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and  
Motorsport Australia's **Dedicated Rally Vehicle Program**

# Dedicated Rally Vehicle Manual

## Objective of the Dedicated Rally Vehicle Program

It is the objective of Motorsport Australia to achieve a restricted number of modifications to motor vehicles which are used in Motorsport Australia sanctioned Rally competition.

These regulations reflect the agreement between the relevant Government authorities and Motorsport Australia for allowable modifications to rally vehicles.

In order to achieve this end result, Motorsport Australia recognises the need for vehicles which have been modified, to be examined by an authorised Motorsport Australia scrutineer and on some occasions, a Government inspector who may be able to attest to the integrity of any modifications, in line with the contents of this document.

It is expected that upon approval of the modifications by a Motorsport Australia accredited scrutineer, limited use of the vehicle, as is explained in Part 3 of the Statement of Principles, will be allowed.

After approval of the vehicle by a Motorsport Australia accredited scrutineer, all vehicles seeking Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Vehicle Status must be presented to Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Vehicle Inspection facility at Regency Park for the initial issuing of a Certificate of Exemption. Thereafter, the responsibility for ensuring continuing compliance with the Dedicated Rally Vehicle status lies with Motorsport Australia and its scrutineers.

It should be pointed out that at all times, responsibility for compliance with statutory regulations lies with the vehicle owner.

It is envisaged that all Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Vehicles will need to undergo the proposed Motorsport Australia eligibility examination by a Motorsport Australia accredited scrutineer to retain statutory registration. A list of all Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Vehicles will be supplied to Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. This list will be reviewed by Motorsport Australia and the approved scrutineers to ensure these vehicles are competing in Motorsport Australia sanctioned "Rally" events during each calendar year and that those vehicles comply to the technical requirements detailed in this manual.

All Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Vehicles, which no longer meet the criteria set out in this document will cease to be considered a Motorsport Australia Dedicated Rally Vehicle

Upon the successful presentation of a vehicle to the Scrutineer, Motorsport Australia will approve the "Letter of Introduction" for the owner. This must then accompany the vehicle at the time of inspection by Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

## Background

The primary objective of regulating motor vehicle modifications is to ensure that the vehicle is safe, and complies with the requirement of the Road Traffic Act and Regulations including exhaust noise.

It is generally accepted that a motor vehicle which complies with the most recent statutory requirements, including Australian Design Rules for Motor Vehicle Safety and Emissions, is safer and also less harmful to the environment than a motor vehicle complying with earlier legislation. When considering the modifications which this document addresses, every endeavour has been made to arrive at a level of testing and assessing that will keep the cost of modification and construction to an acceptable limit without compromising the level of safety and environmental acceptability.

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish technical and administrative guidelines to assist inspectors to provide consistent and reliable reports for modified and individually constructed vehicles, which will be used primarily for Motorsport Australia authorised Rally competition. The administrative guidelines are a separate document titled "General Requirement for Dedicated Rally Vehicles – Administrative Procedures".

## Scope

The requirements, outlined in this document, provide general guidance only. They are not exhaustive and the Motorsport Australia scrutineer and Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure inspector are required to exercise their knowledge, expertise and experience to make a full assessment of the vehicle.