# **Assembled Vehicle Inspection Guide**



# **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL INSPECTIONS (No walk-ins please)**

Please refer to the WSP web page <u>www.wsp.wa.gov</u> for further information, or call your local VIN Office if you have any questions (contact information is available on the same web page.)

## Why the Inspection and What Will be Inspected?

<u>RCW 46.12.560</u> authorizes the Washington State Patrol to inspect certain vehicles for titling purposes. These inspections serve to prevent the trafficking of stolen vehicles and stolen parts.

The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Officer will inspect all <u>major component parts</u> used to construct your vehicle. Documentation must be presented at the time of the inspection to show legal ownership of the vehicle and parts used. Also, your vehicle must comply with all of the equipment requirements of <u>WAC Title 204</u> and <u>RCW 46.37</u> to pass inspection and for a VIN to be assigned.

#### What is an Assembled Vehicle?

According to <u>WAC 308-56A-455</u>, an assembled vehicle is a vehicle that has been constructed using a cab, body, or frame from two or more vehicles and has the same appearance as a vehicle that was manufactured under a specific year, make, and model by a manufacturer but the original VIN no longer accurately describes the vehicle. Assembled vehicles <u>do not</u> include *glider kits*, *custom vehicles*, *street rods*, *salvage*, or *kit* vehicles.

## **How is the Model Year Determined?**

The model year will be determined at the time of your inspection based on what the vehicle most closely resembles as directed by <u>WAC 308-56A-160</u>.

## What Parts are Required for My Vehicle to Pass Inspection?

According to RCW 46.80.010, major components parts required for titling your vehicle include:

(a) engines and short blocks; (b) frame; (c) transmission and/or transfer case; (d) cab; (e) door; (f) front or rear differential; (g) front or rear clip; (h) quarter panel; (i) truck bed or box; (j) seat; (k) hood; (l) bumper; (m) fender; and (n) airbag (airbag light must also be in working order) Catalytic converter per WAC 308-63-070.

<u>Please note</u> your vehicle will not pass inspection if any major component parts are damaged or missing.

#### What Documents are Required for a Complete Inspection?

Documents presented at the time of inspection must be the printed original. **Emails, screenshots, faxes or copies will not be accepted.** 

- <u>Washington State Patrol Inspection Request</u> form completed by the licensing agent. (*The WSP will not be able to conduct an inspection without this fully completed form.*)
- Valid Picture Identification
- Weight Slip from a certified scale for the completed vehicle.
- <u>Certificates of Title or Receipts for Major Component Parts</u>. All receipts must be made out to you, the vehicle owner, your immediate family member, or the licensed shop that built your vehicle.

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Major component parts purchased from a third party require a notarized bill of sale from the original purchaser to you and the original parts receipts—or, in the case of a licensed business, a letterhead statement of transfer to you and the original parts receipts. (this applies to new parts only)

Parts purchased from a **licensed business** must be presented with an original sales receipt. The receipt must show the name and address of the business, a description of the parts sold, the date of sale, and the purchase price.

Parts purchased from a **licensed vehicle wrecker** must be presented with an original sales receipt to include the wrecking yard name and address, a description of the parts sold, the date of sale, the amount of sale, and the stock number and/or VIN of the vehicle the parts came from.

Parts from a **private party** must be presented with a signed and released title, or other valid ownership documents for the vehicle from which the parts were obtained and a <u>notarized bill of sale</u>. The notarized bill of sale/gift/trade must include the name, address, phone number of the seller and purchaser, a description of the parts sold, parts vehicle information to include year, make, model, VIN, the date of sale, and the purchase price.

Parts purchased from a licensed business via the **Internet or electronically** will only be accepted for <u>new, aftermarket components</u>. You must print out a copy of the receipt to present to the VIN Officer at the time of inspection. The printed receipt must include the business name, address, phone number, date of purchase, description of part, purchase price, and tax paid. Internet bid receipts, ebay, etc. will not be accepted.

## What If I Am Unable to Provide an Acceptable Release of Interest or Proof of Ownership?

If you are unable to provide an acceptable release of interest or proof of ownership for the vehicle or major component parts as described above, <u>RCW 46.12.560(3)</u> requires an inspection for <u>ownership-in-doubt</u> as described in <u>RCW 46.12.680</u> and <u>WAC 308-56A-210</u>. Ownership-in-doubt means applying for a three-year registration without title; after three years, a Washington title can be requested.

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# **Equipment Checklist**

 Air Bags	49 CFR 571.208; RCW 46.37.640-660
 Brakes	49 CFR 571.105-106, 116; RCW 46.37.340, 351, 360, 365; WAC 204-10-032
 Bumpers	RCW 46.37.513, 517; WAC 204-10-022
 Windshield/Defroster/Washing System	49 CFR 571.103, 104; RCW 46.37.410; WAC 204.10.024, 022
 Defroster System (If enclosed)	49 CFR 571.103; RCW 46.37.410; WAC 204-10-022
 Door and Door Latches	49 CFR 571.206; RCW 46.37.517; WAC 204-10-022
 Emergency Brake	49 CFR 571.114; RCW 46.37.340, 351
 Fender/Splash Apron	RCW 46.37.500; WAC 204-10-022
 Headlights	49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.040, 030; WAC 204-21-040
 Tail Lamps	49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.050; WAC 204.21.030
 License Plates	RCW 46.16A.200(5)(a), 46.37.050(3)
 Rear Reflectors	49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.060, 100, 110
 Stop Lamp	49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.070, 46.37.200
 Turn Signals	49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.070, 46.37.200; WAC 204.21.060
 Clearance/Side Marker Lamps/Reflectors	49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.090, 100, 110-120; WAC 204.21.050
 Hood and Hood Latch	49 CFR 571.113; RCW 46.37.517; WAC 204-10-022
 Frame	WAC 204.10.022
 Windows/Openings	WAC 204.10.024
 Instrumentation	49 CFR 571.101; WAC 204.10.028
 Mirrors/Back up Lamps	49 CFR 571.111; RCW 46.37.400; WAC 204.10.030
 Steering	RCW 46.37.375; WAC 204.10.034
 Suspension	RCW 46.37.375, 369; WAC 204.10.036,
 Seat Belt Assemblies Exhaust/Catalytic Converter	49 CFR 571.209; RCW 46.37.510 RCW 46.37.390; WAC 204.10.038; WAC 308-63-070