

Questions and Answers

- Q. If the word "salvage" appears on my registration, does this mean I must have my car re-inspected before I can have it registered for the road?
- A. Yes, it will require salvage vehicle inspection and an updated PEI motor vehicle safety inspection.
- Q. Can I have a salvage vehicle transferred to my name?
- A. Yes
- Q. If I have a salvage vehicle which has an expired plate and it is up for renewal, do I have to have the vehicle reinspected before I renew it?
- A. Yes. The vehicle will require a salvage vehicle inspection and an updated PEI motor vehicle safety inspection.
- Q. Can I transfer or sell a salvage vehicle to another person without inspection?
- A. Yes
- Q. Can I ever have a vehicle with a condition of "non-repairable" registered with a valid plate?
- A. No

- Q. Can I have the condition "rebuilt" or "non-repairable" removed from the registration?
- A. No
- Q. If I bought a branded vehicle from out of province, does the brand stay with the vehicle when I register the vehicle here?
- A. Yes
- Q. How does this new program affect my current rebuilt vehicle?
- A. The new program will have no effect on vehicles that have been previously repaired and branded rebuilt.

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Salvage Vehicle Inspection Program



Important facts you should know from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Make arrangements for a salvage vehicle inspection before completing any repairs or reassembly.



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The Salvage Vehicle Inspection Program is based on Section 234.1 of the *Highway Traffic Act* and centers on the following components:

- the mandatory reporting by insurance companies or owners to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles on non-repairable, salvage and stolen vehicles upon which a claim has been made;
- prohibiting the registration of a salvage vehicle until it meets vehicle inspection standards; and
- providing consumers with vehicle condition information.

Definitions

- **“Salvage vehicle”** means any vehicle which is damaged by collision, fire, accident, trespass or other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the vehicle for legal operation on the highway exceeds its fair market value immediately prior to damage.
- **“Rebuilt vehicle”** means any salvage vehicle which has been rebuilt and has been inspected for the purpose of registration.

- **“Non-repairable”** vehicle means a vehicle which is incapable of operation or use on the highway and which has no resale value except as a source of parts or scrap and includes a flood-damaged vehicle.
- **“Flood damaged vehicle”** means a vehicle that has been immersed in a liquid to the bottom of the dashboard or to a level affecting any of the major electrical system components of the vehicle or that has been contaminated with any toxic fluid that renders the vehicle unsafe.

How It Works

- Salvage vehicle owner applies to body shop inspection station to have a salvage vehicle inspection completed before any repairs are completed.
- Customer is required to have vehicle registration and at least four color photos of vehicle showing damage.
- Auto body technician starts process by entering information on inspection report form and after looking at photos decides if there is a need to view vehicle before any repairs are made.
- Salvage vehicle inspection technician advises customer that after repairs to structural components are complete, body shop must be contacted for vehicle measurements (tramming) and visual inspection of welds.
- No undercoating or covering of welds, no trim installed until after vehicle has been measured and welds inspected.
- After vehicle has been repaired to an Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair (I-Car) or equivalent standard, customer has a four wheel alignment completed and has a printout of the alignment specifications.
- After repairs are completed, the vehicle is returned to the body shop inspection station for the auto body technician to complete the final inspection.
- Salvage vehicle inspection fees will be left to the discretion of the vehicle owner and the certified salvage vehicle inspection station.
- In addition, the vehicle owner must have a PEI motor vehicle safety inspection done on vehicle. Vehicle owner takes copy of salvage vehicle inspection form, the regular motor vehicle safety inspection form, wheel alignment printout, color photos and registration to an Access PEI office to have status of vehicle changed to rebuilt.