

Changes to ADR 61 - Vehicle Markings

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The [Road Vehicle Standards Act](#) (RVSA) introduces a requirement for new vehicles to carry a Secure Vehicle Identification (SVI) marking. The SVI will replace the previous Identification Plate requirements of the Motor Vehicle Standards Act (MVSA). To implement these changes, *Australian Design Rule 61 – Vehicle Marking* has been updated ([ADR 61/03](#)) to include the requirements for SVI as formal identification for new vehicles supplied to market under the RVSA.

The SVI will appear in 2 different forms within Recreational Vehicle Industry manufacturing, depending on the type of vehicle as summarised below:

Trailers*



- The SVI will take the form of a permanently affixed durable metal Vehicle (Trailer) Plate.
- Mandatory information required on the Vehicle (Trailer) Plate will change including:
 - New mandatory fields: Tare Mass, Gross Trailer Mass (GTM) Rating
 - No requirement for mandatory compliance statements, such as the current MVSA compliance statement.
- Change in terminology: “Manufacturer” field will become known as “Make”. This field will still be completed with the Manufacturer name, to match the corresponding entry in the RAV database.

*up to 4500kg ATM Rating

Motorised Vehicles



- The SVI will take the form of a durable, self-adhesive, tamper-proof vehicle identification label or a permanently affixed metal plate.
- SSM manufacturers will no longer be required to fit a separate SSM identification plate.
 - The Vehicle Make of the first-stage vehicle will be sufficient to meet the SVI requirements.
 - The Register of Approved Vehicles (RAV) will capture the information currently recorded on the identification plate.

The SVI is required on vehicles (and trailers) supplied to market under the RVSA, while any vehicles supplied under the MVSA approvals will retain the current marking (and plating) arrangements. With this in mind, there will be 2 concurrent versions of ADR 61 that are active during the transition into RVSA— details on the next page.

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As mentioned on the previous page, there will be 2 concurrent versions of ADR 61 that are active during the transition into RVSA, as follows:

- Any vehicle that is supplied under the new RVSA will be required to comply with the requirements of ADR 61/03. This includes some changed requirements with regard to vehicle labelling and plates.
- Any vehicle that is supplied under the previous Motor Vehicle Standards Act (MVSA), including trailers supplied under VSB 1, will be required to continue the existing forms of Certification Labelling, including SSM and Vehicle (Trailer) Plates, in accordance with ADR 61/02.

It is important to note that there is a clear distinction. Correct Secure Vehicle Identification markings must be used on any vehicle supplied under RVSA, while the previous identification plates must continue to be used on any vehicle supplied under MVSA.

In order to support manufacturers in the transition to RVSA, there will be provision in the Vehicle Approval application process for a future starting date to be specified. This will allow a manufacturer (or importer) to set a date that allows enough time for vehicle plate redesign, production lead times and implementation of the new requirements, if required.

Caravan Industry Association of Australia will have stock of both the old and new Vehicle (Trailer) Plates available through the RVMAP Merchandise Catalogue to assist businesses in transitioning to the new requirements.

Detailed information relating to SVI and ADR 61/03 can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Accredited Businesses are also reminded to regularly refer to the [Are you RVSA Ready?](#) website. Caravan Industry Association of Australia developed this Recreational Vehicle specific RVSA website for industry businesses with the information provided based on guidance material and papers originally created and published by Vehicle Safety Standards. The content on this site is reviewed and updated regularly as more information becomes available through RVSA implementation process.

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