

# Reminder Regarding Amalgamated Vehicles

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Amalgamated vehicles, which are constructed using major components from two or more vehicles, are subject to certain rules regarding eligibility and the assignment of vehicle descriptions.

## Eligibility

To protect consumers, contributing vehicles must have substantially similar and interchangeable components across different model years. If the major components are not interchangeable, the vehicle is not eligible for amalgamated status and is given a designation of **Modified** in its vehicle description.

Major components include the vehicle's frame or chassis, cab, and body. Major components from vehicles with a status of **irreparable** can be used as part of amalgamated vehicles if they are added to a vehicle with a status of **salvageable** or **normal**. To qualify as an amalgamated vehicle, the owner must have a Transfer of Ownership (TOD) document for the vehicle with a status of **salvageable** or **normal**. Once this TOD from a vehicle with a status of salvageable or normal is used in amalgamation, it cannot be used for subsequent amalgamations. Major components include the vehicle's frame or chassis, cab, and body. New major components may not be used to amalgamate with an irreparable vehicle.

## Vehicle Descriptions

Amalgamated vehicles can be difficult to describe when the major components come from different vehicle models or from different years or trim levels of the same model. Rebuilders should be aware of the following standards MPI uses to assign a description to an amalgamated vehicle.

- **Model Year:** regardless of the frame and the trim on the body or cab, the model year is determined based on the body or cab of the vehicle, including cases where the body or cab is completely rebuilt using parts and trim from a different year.

- **Vehicle Description:** based solely on the manufacturer's original trim level for the body or cab used to construct the vehicle, regardless of any additional features or badging that may have been added to it.

## Registration Process

Customers wishing to establish ownership of and register an amalgamated vehicle must submit a completed [Application for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number \(VIN\)](#) form to Vehicle Safety, outlining the details of the vehicles used including supporting documents.

Vehicle Safety reviews the form, inspects the vehicle, and determines the model year. The Pricing department then assigns a description and VIN to the vehicle and determines the appropriate rate group. Vehicle Safety adds the vehicle to the insurance and registration system, sets up ownership of the vehicle and schedules an appointment with the customer to affix the new VIN. There is no fee for this service; however, customers are responsible for any costs associated with bringing the vehicle to the appointment.

Following this appointment, Vehicle Safety provides the customer with a completed Approval for Assigned Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) form. The customer takes the approval form and supporting documents to an Autopac agent or MPI service centre to register the vehicle.

## Support

If you require additional information regarding amalgamated vehicles, please contact Vehicle Safety at [vsi-stationinfo@mpi.mb.ca](mailto:vsi-stationinfo@mpi.mb.ca) or 204-985-0920 (toll-free 1-866-323-0542).