



## The VINTAGE CAR CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND Incorporated

### THE HISTORIC VEHICLE AUTHORITY OF NEW ZEALAND

## GUIDELINES FOR VCC PERIOD SPECIALS AND MODIFIED PRODUCTION VEHICLES

For all types of period specials applications, the following major mechanical components must be correct to the period category of the vehicle: Chassis, Engine, Transmission, front and rear axles, Brakes, Suspension, Steering, and Radiator. Please provide additional photographs showing the front, rear, both sides, interior, (including dashboard), the engine, chassis or any other important identifying components. For motorcycles additional photographs should show each side, a downward rear view, and one of the instruments on top of the front forks.

- 1 **PERIOD SPECIALS DEFINITION - GROUP ONE:** for modified production vehicles. Vehicle Identity Card Classifications B2 to B5 where a major proportion of an original recognised production vehicle chassis must be used.
  - 1.1 A Period Special (Group One) is a vehicle which has been built up utilising period production components to represent:
    - a) An authentic design very similar to a production model. These vehicles are sometimes referred to as a Replica. (VIC classification B4)
    - b) A non-original design, modified from a production model for a special purpose such as: Sports, Racing, Trials or Commercial vehicle. (VIC classification B5)
    - c) A non-original design, built up from components from different production sources to represent a particular period or facet of motoring history. (e.g. Aero engine racing or sports vehicle (VIC classification B5))
    - d) A production vehicle which has had mechanical modification. (B2 for unrestored and B3 for restored)
  - 1.2 Vehicles in categories a,b,c above will be described under 'Make', in parentheses, as a Special i.e. Austin 7 Special.
  - 1.3 Period Specials in the above categories will be dated by the more modern of the following two components:
    - a) The date of manufacture of the chassis, frame or monocoque
    - b) The date of manufacture of the engine. This date will establish the period category of the vehicle ie. A vehicle with a 1925 chassis and a 1935 engine will become a Post Vintage Vehicle and be double dated with the two dates. Note that engine changes should be of the same type and configuration as the original engine.
  - 1.4 The following major mechanical components must be correct to the period category of the vehicle: Chassis, Engine, Transmission, front and rear axles, Brakes, Suspension, Steering, and Radiator.
  - 1.5 The following items must also be correct to the period of the vehicle.

- a) Wheels, wheel widths and tyre dimensions
  - b) Construction methods and materials to nearest equivalents
  - c) Body work style
  - d) Steering wheel, Instruments, and Interior trim
- 1.6 Allowable modifications:
- a) Original chassis may be lengthened, shortened or strengthened. For road registered vehicles, chassis modifications must comply with the requirements of the Low Volume Vehicle Code, Issue 8 – effective from: 1 September 2012.
  - b) Multiple carburettors and superchargers may be fitted. Turbo chargers can be fitted to post 1960 vehicles.
  - c) Mechanically operated brakes can be converted to hydraulic operation. Front brakes may be added where not part of original equipment. This addition must be correct to the style and period of the vehicle.
  - d) Period performance modifications and accessories can be used.
  - e) Where mechanical changes have been made to a standard production vehicle, these vehicles have a Period Special VIC classification of B2 for unrestored and B3 for restored. Changes must comply with all other requirements of this code.
- 2 **PERIOD SPECIAL DEFINITION – GROUP TWO:** For newly constructed vehicles. (Authentic Reproduction Vehicles). These vehicles have a VIC Classification of C4 and C5.
- 2.1 A Period Special (Group 2) is a vehicle which has been constructed with or without period parts to imitate a design of vehicle of a particular period. This type of vehicle may have many newly manufactured parts that have been built identically to original production parts including a new chassis, frame or monocoque where no original unit existed. These vehicles are sometimes referred to as a Replica. For the VCC to issue a VIC in this category, the vehicle must be a very accurate copy of an original vehicle or period style of vehicle. The VIC Classifications are as follow:
- a) For a very accurate copy of an original vehicle where all major components are of new manufacture – C5 (ARV - Authentic Reproduction Vehicle)
  - b) For a very close copy of a vehicle where some major original period production components are utilized. –C4
  - c) For a new vehicle closely representing a period style-C5
- 2.2 The date of manufacture of Authentic Reproduction Vehicles will be as follows:
- a) For new vehicles under category C5. The year in which the building of the vehicle has been completed.
  - b) For Vehicles under category C4 and C5 may be dated by the year of manufacture of the engine as in 2.3 above plus the date that the building of the vehicle is completed, ie these vehicles will be double dated.

- 2.3 Under the 'Brief History' section of the VIC application form , Details should be given of the building of the vehicle , when and by whom it was built ,what the vehicle represents and the date that the vehicle represents. This information will be recorded on the back of the issued Vehicle Identity Card.
- 2.4 These vehicles must be clearly marked with a fixed nameplate to indicate that the vehicle is a constructed reproduction with the date of manufacture.
- 2.5 For road registration these vehicles must comply with the requirements of Low Volume Vehicle Code, Issue 8 – effective from: 1 September 2012.
- 2.6 Naming of vehicles with new chassis in Definition and Preservation Groups C4 and C5 will be recorded in VCC of NZ Incorporated records under 'Make' as "Replica" and under 'Model' as what the vehicle purports to represent e.g. Jaguar C Type Replica.

### 3 **PERIOD SPECIAL ACCEPTABILITY**

- 3.1 The above code is a guideline to the acceptability of period Specials. The Management Committee reserves the right to adjudicate or express the final decision as to whether a vehicle is acceptable to the Vintage Car Club of NZ Incorporated.
- 3.2 The above vehicles must represent a particular period and facet of motoring history