





## **Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Bulletin**

RE:	Military Vehicle Inspection
From:	Automotive Safety Enforcement Division
Bulletin:	All Inspection Station Personnel
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A study conducted on general public use of special purpose military vehicles such as MRAPs (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected), Humvees (High-Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicles), M35 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-ton cargo trucks (Deuce and a Half), and other transport vehicles has identified that these special purpose military vehicles are not constructed to meet 49 CFR 571 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, as stated in 571.7 (c). These types of vehicles were also exempt and not equipped with the emission components required to be installed on motor vehicles designed for general use by the public due to their intended use by the military.

Special purpose military vehicles are not placarded with a Vehicle Certification Label declaring compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards which identifies the vehicle with a 17-character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) as they were not constructed as compliant vehicles due to their intended use and the exemptions which were granted for that use. A 17-character serial number alone does not meet this requirement. On-road operation and registration requires that a vehicle be constructed and maintained to be compliant with FMVSS equipment standards and Federal emissions standards.

Prior to purchase of a military vehicle, each buyer is required to complete and sign the Federal Government *DLA Form 1822*, End-Use Certificate the form *SF-97*, which clearly indicates that the vehicles are intended for Off-Road Use Only. Signature of these documents is an acknowledgment of the off-road only status of these vehicles. These federal forms do not qualify or classify these vehicles for use on-road.







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It is the policy of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), that the Administration shall only register vehicles that meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Federal emissions for on-road use. Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) also requires that vehicles meet these standards and state vehicle code. Due to this, inspection stations should not be inspecting them for the purpose of obtaining MD registration. *(See Example Below)* 

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