



Specialty Vehicles Australia

Mandatory Electronic Stability Control

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| Subject: Victorian Law to Make Electronic Stability Control (ESC) Mandatory | | | | |

The Victorian Government has introduced legislation requiring the fitment of Electronic Stability Control (ESC) to all new passenger vehicles registered on or after 1 January 2011. After this date, any passenger vehicle with a compliance plate or ID plate date of 1/11 or after, must have ESC to be registered in Victoria.

The Victorian legislation pre-dates federal law, due to be introduced through amendments to the Australian Design Rules (ADR's), requiring all new model passenger vehicles from November 2011 and all models from November 2013, to be fitted with ESC. The ADR's will apply to all new models of cars, passenger vans and off-road vehicles.

Forward Ordering

When forward ordering new vehicles, you will need to seek information from your manufacturer or importer to determine the following:

1. *Does the vehicle, including all variants and specification levels, have ESC fitted?*
If the answer to this question is YES, then you don't need to take any further action.

Otherwise:

2. *What date will be stamped on the compliance or ID plate when you receive the vehicles?*
If the vehicles you receive are plated 1/11 or after, you will not be able to register them in Victoria unless they have ESC. Prior to placing an order, you should confirm with the manufacturer or distributor, that vehicles you are ordering will be eligible for registration in Victoria after 1 January 2011.

Exemptions

The Minister for Roads will be able to exempt certain vehicles that meet "exceptional circumstances". While there is no restriction on who can apply for an exemption, it will be the responsibility of a manufacturer or distributor to apply. Vehicles brought into Victoria, after having been registered in another State for at least one year, will also be exempt.

Why is Victoria "going it alone"?

The Victorian Government remains committed to the legislation, despite formal submissions opposed by VACC and others.

Please contact me if you would like further information.

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