Why the Inspection and What Will be Inspected?

RCW 46.12.560 authorizes the Washington State Patrol to inspect certain vehicles for titling purposes. These inspections serve to prevent the trafficking of stolen vehicles and stolen parts.

The Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Officer will inspect all major component parts used to construct your vehicle. Documentation must be presented at the time of the inspection to show legal ownership of the vehicle and parts used. Also, your vehicle must comply with all of the equipment requirements of WAC Title 204 and RCW 46.37 to pass inspection and for a VIN to be assigned.

What is a Kit Vehicle?

According to RCW 46.04.251 a Kit vehicle is a passenger car or light truck assembled from a manufactured kit, and is either (1) a complete kit consisting of a prefabricated body and chassis used to construct a new vehicle, or (2) a kit consisting of a prefabricated body to be mounted on an existing vehicle chassis and drivetrain, commonly referred to as a donor vehicle.

What Parts are Required for My Vehicle to Pass Inspection?

According to RCW 46.80.010, major components parts required for titling your vehicle include:

(a) engines and short blocks; (b) frame; (c) transmission and/or transfer case; (d) cab; (e) door; (f) front or rear differential; (g) front or rear clip; (h) quarter panel; (i) truck bed or box; (j) seat; (k) hood; (l) bumper; (m) fender; and (n) airbag.

Please note your vehicle will not pass inspection if any major component parts are damaged or missing. If originally installed in your car, airbags must be included and must be in working order.

What Documents Are Required for a Complete Inspection?

Documents presented at time of inspection must be original (meaning: Being the first form or occurrence.) Faxes or copies will not be accepted.

- Washington State Patrol Inspection Request form completed by the licensing agent. (The WSP will not be able to conduct an inspection without this fully completed form)
- Valid Picture Identification
- Weight Slip from a certified scale for the completed vehicle.
- Manufacturer’s Statement of Origin (MSO) or Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin (MCO)
- Certificates of Title or Receipts for Major Component Parts. All receipts must be made out to you, the vehicle owner, your immediate family member, or the licensed shop that built your vehicle.

Major component parts purchased from a third party require a notarized bill of sale from the original purchaser to you and the original parts receipts—or, in the case of a licensed business, a letterhead statement of transfer to you and the original parts receipts.

Parts purchased from a licensed business must be presented with an original sales receipt.
The receipt must show the name and address of the business, a description of the parts sold, the date of sale, and the purchase price.

Parts purchased from a **licensed vehicle wrecker** must be presented with an original sales receipt to include the wrecking yard name and address, a description of the parts sold, the date of sale, the amount of sale, and the stock number and/or VIN of the vehicle the parts came from.

Parts from a **private party** must be presented with a signed and released title to the vehicle the parts came off of, or a **notarized bill of sale**. The notarized bill of sale/gift/trade must include the name, address, phone number of the seller and purchaser, a description of the parts sold, vehicle information the parts came off of (to include year, make, model, VIN), the date of sale, and the purchase price.

Parts purchased from the **Internet or electronically** will only be accepted for new, aftermarket components. The Internet or electronic receipt must be accompanied by the original packing slip/shipping invoice. You must print out a copy of the receipt to present to the VIN Officer at the time of inspection. The printed receipt must include the business name, address, phone number, date of purchase, description of part, purchase price, and tax paid.

**What if I Purchased a Completed Kit Vehicle?**

You will need to present a notarized bill of sale/gift/trade from the person you purchased the vehicle from along with all of their original documentation as required above.

**What If I Am Unable to Provide an Acceptable Release of Interest or Proof of Ownership?**

If you are unable to provide an acceptable release of interest or proof of ownership for the vehicle or major component parts as described above, **RCW 46.12.560 (3)** requires an inspection for ownership-in-doubt as described in **RCW 46.12.680** and **WAC 308-56A-210**. Ownership-in-doubt means applying for a three-year registration without title; after three years, a Washington title can be requested.
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Equipment Checklist – Kit Vehicle 46A.37.519, 46.04.251

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- Brakes
  - 49 CFR 571.105-106 and 116; RCW 46.37.340, 351, 360, 365, 519
  - WAC 204-10-032

- Brake Hoses
  - 49 CFR 571.106; RCW 46.37.519

- Brake Fluids
  - 49 CFR 571.119; RCW 46.37.519, 365

- Pneumatic Tires
  - 49 CFR 571.109; RCW 46.37.519, 420

- Windshield/Windows/Glazing Materials
  - 49 CFR 571.103, 104; RCW 46.37.410, 519; WAC 204.10.024, 022

- Defroster System if Installed
  - 49 CFR 571.103; RCW 46.37.410; WAC 204-10-022

- Seat Belt Assemblies
  - 49 CFR 571.120; RCW 46.37.510, 519

- Floor Plan
  - RCW 46.37.519

- Door and Door Latches
  - 49 CFR 571.206; RCW 46.37.517, 519; WAC 204-10-022

- Parking/Emergency Brake
  - 49 CFR 571.114; RCW 46.37.340, 351

- Fenders/Splash Apron
  - RCW 46.37.500, 518; WAC 204-10-022 ***

- Headlights
  - 49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.040, 030; WAC 204-21-040

- Tail Lamps
  - 49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.050; WAC 204.21.030

- License Plates
  - RCW 46.16A.200(5)(a), 46.37.050(3)

- Rear Reflectors
  - 49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.060, 100, 110

- Stop Lamp
  - 49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.070, 46.37.200

- Turn Signals
  - 49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.070, 46.37.200; WAC 204.21.060

- Clearance/Side Marker Lamps/Reflectors
  - 49 CFR 571.108; RCW 46.37.090, 100, 110-120; WAC 204.21.050

- Hood and Hood Latch
  - 49 CFR 571.113; RCW 46.37.517; WAC 204-10-022 ***

- Frame
  - WAC 204.10.022

- Instrumentation
  - 49 CFR 571.101; WAC 204.10.028

- Accelerator Control System
  - 49 CFR 571.124; RCW 46.37.519

- Mirror/Back Up Alerts
  - 49 CFR 571.111; RCW 46.37.400; WAC 204.10.030

- Horn
  - 49 CFR 571.125; RCW 46.37.380

- Fuel System
  - 49 CFR 571.301-302; RCW 46.37.519, 465

- Steering
  - RCW 46.37.375; WAC 204.10.034
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*** Exemptions may apply to vehicles licensed as Street rod, custom, vehicles manufactured prior to Jan 1938, or constructed to resemble a vehicle manufactured prior to Jan 1938.

Please refer to WAC 204-10-022 and RCW 46.37.519