



Vehicle & Operator Services Agency

Single Vehicle Approval



The Single Vehicle Approval (SVA) Scheme is a pre-registration inspection for cars and light vehicles that have not been type approved to British or European standards, including amateur built vehicles and vehicles using parts from previously registered vehicles. The main purpose of the checks is to ensure that these vehicles have been designed and constructed to acceptable safety and environmental standards before they can be used on public roads. In Great Britain SVA is also available on a voluntary basis for manufacturers and importers of motor caravans, ambulances, light passenger and goods vehicles that have been modified after registration.

Vehicle importers should be aware that even vehicles outwardly similar to models of European specification, but intended for other markets, can often be unsuitable for use in Britain without at least some modification. SVA will also improve the construction of kit cars and other amateur built vehicles by ensuring that these vehicles will progressively meet the safety and environmental standards already achieved by modern production cars.

VOSA offers the following SVA services:

- Test lane equipped specifically for testing SVA vehicles all around Great Britain
- Capacity for up to 40,000 vehicles annually
- Integral arrangements for monitoring standards
- Capability to test at suitable customer's premises

To make an application for a SVA test, general enquiries and information on the test standards, please contact:

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