

Vehicle Inspections & Standards

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Re: Daytime Running Lamps

This bulletin applies to **ALL** vehicles that operate on highway and that are subject to the British Columbia *Motor Vehicle Act* and the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (MVAR).

CVSE has received numerous enquiries regarding the compliance of Daytime Running Lamps for vehicles operating on highway.

Motor Vehicle Act Regulation Division 4.02 (2) outlines the applicable standards for vehicle lighting requirements in British Columbia:

“4.02 (2) - A vehicle on a highway must be equipped with lamps equivalent to those provided by the original manufacturer in accordance with the requirements that applied under the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada), or a predecessor to that Act, at the time of vehicle manufacture. “

In accordance with the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (MVSA)(Canada) - sections (44) to (65) - vehicles manufactured on or after **December 1, 1989**, must be equipped with Daytime Running Lamps that comply with Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (CMVSS) 108.

In Addition, MVAR Division 4.08 states:

“4.08 - A motor vehicle may be equipped with daytime running lamps, mounted on the front of the vehicle at a height of not less than 30 cm and not more than 2.11 m, that comply with the requirements of the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act* (Canada).”

This regulation allows for vehicles that were manufactured prior to December 1, 1989, without Daytime Running Lamps, to be so equipped. As stated, the lamps must conform to requirements set out in the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Canada) to be in compliance with this regulation.

Any vehicle operating on highway in non compliance of regulations represents a safety concern for all road users and is subject to enforcement action.

Should you have any further questions or concerns please contact Geoff Ford, Technical Advisor, at Geoff.Ford@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 250-953-4039.

Regards,



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