

## Scrutineering Bulletin #1 2018

### Vehicle Specifications changes for 2018

There are few actual changes to what most Teams are already doing

In the process of creating the National Rules the Vehicle Specifications document has been reformatted and streamlined

Vehicles are now classified as either **Open Cockpit** or **Closed Canopy**:

**Open Cockpit** vehicles must have 100mm clearance between the rider's helmet and the Cockpit Overhead Protection bars

**Closed Canopy** vehicles must include a metal or composite panel in the COP, with Specified Foam, and the rider must be able to comply with the head clearances described in the Roller Test

### Other changes are:

- Exposed pinch points on the return chain must be guarded
- The top edge of the head restraint must be safe
- If elastic loops are used as hatch closures, at least two with a minimum separation of 300mm are required
- Seats must be prevented from moving during riding independently of seat belts or rider weight
- Seat belts must be protected from wear caused by seat edges or slots
- Rear lighting must be a minimum of three LEDs
- No flashing lights on the vehicle

### Scrutineering Process

Vehicles will be subject to three Check Lists as part of Scrutineering

- 1) **Construction Check List** – once per season – unchanging design features that are part of original build
- 2) **Event Check List** – for each event – safety, wear and compliance checks
- 3) **Team Manager Check List Form 2A** – completed by the Team Manager for each event

### Vehicle checking by Teams

**Team's Vehicle Check List** - covers all Vehicle Specifications and is intended for teams to use to prepare their vehicles before attending Event Scrutineering to ensure compliance with specifications

Using this list as a Team activity will increase team members familiarity with their vehicle

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