NEW STREET ROD STANDARD INTRODUCED

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay has announced a new standard will take effect today, which would allow safer street rods to be fully registered for use on NSW roads.

A street rod is a modified vehicle that has a body, frame built before 1949, or is a replica of a vehicle, the body, and frame of which were built before 1949.

“In December last year, a new edition of the National Guidelines for the Construction and Modification of Street Rods in Australia was jointly approved by the Australian Street Rod Federation and the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board,” Minister Gay said.

“Since then, a NSW Supplement has been developed to cover some additional safety and performance features necessary for vehicles to be fully registered on the NSW road network.

“I announced this new standard for street rods in May and I’m pleased it has now been introduced.

“The new standard provides clear information on how enthusiasts can ensure their vehicles meet appropriate safety guidelines so they can be fully registered in NSW.

“Full registration means street rods can be used on NSW roads without the restrictions applicable under the Conditional Registration Scheme for Street Rods.”

Minister Gay said the new standards removed many of the impracticable and unnecessary Australian Design Rules, which no longer apply, but retain the necessary levels of safety.

“As the Australian Design Rules are intended for mass-produced cars, it’s impossible for some street rods to comply, which is why we have introduced these changes,” Minister Gay said.

“The new standard, prepared in consultation with the NSW Branch Street Rod Federation, covers a range of details, from how to correctly install anchoring points for child restraints to compliance testing and certification.”

Ian Davis from the Australian Street Rod Federation said the change was highly anticipated and a step forward for street rod owners in NSW.

“Street rod owners across NSW are pleased the standard has been introduced,” Ian Davis said.

Before a street rod can be registered, it must be assessed against the new standards by a licensed certifier allowed to assess individually constructed vehicles under the Roads and Maritime Services’ Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme.

The Registration Requirements and Construction Guidelines for Street Rods in NSW can still be used to build a street rod for limited registration under the Conditional Registration Scheme for Street Rods.

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