

# **FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES VEHICULES ANCIENS (FIVA)**



## **FIVA INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CODE**

**2015**



## FIVA TECHNICAL CODE

2015

- 0 INTRODUCTION
- 1 HISTORIC VEHICLE DEFINITION
- 2 OTHER DEFINED TERMS
- 3 FIVA REGISTRATION NUMBER
- 4 FIVA IDENTITY CARD
- 5 VEHICLE IDENTITY
- 6 VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS
- 7 VEHICLE HISTORY
- 8 GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES
- 9 VEHICLE PERIOD CLASSIFICATION
- 10 OTHER

The FIVA identity card application form and the FIVA identity card form are separate documents provided by the FIVA Technical Commission.

Please ensure you are using the latest version of the FIVA Technical Code and FIVA identity card application form and FIVA identity card forms.

## o INTRODUCTION

The Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens (FIVA) is the worldwide non-governmental organization dedicated to the preservation, protection and promotion of HISTORIC VEHICLES and related culture.

The Technical Code defines a HISTORIC VEHICLE in the spirit of FIVA, provides guidelines to document HISTORIC VEHICLES and describes the requirements under which a FIVA REGISTRATION NUMBER and a FIVA IDENTITY CARD may be issued.

The aim of the FIVA IDENTITY CARD program is to document and safeguard motoring heritage for current and future generations and to provide owners with an accurate (but, not infallible) independently reviewed and prepared document of the HISTORIC VEHICLE's identity and history.

## 1 HISTORIC VEHICLE DEFINITION

FIVA defines a HISTORIC VEHICLE as a mechanically propelled road vehicle:

- which is at least 30 years old;
- which is preserved and maintained in a historically correct condition;
- which is not used as means of daily transport;
- and which is therefore a part of our technical and cultural heritage.

## 2. OTHER DEFINED TERMS

- 2.1 ANF is the Autorité Nationale FIVA/FIVA National Authority representing FIVA in a certain country and is the sole bearer of all FIVA rights and obligations in that country (see FIVA Statutes).
- 2.2 BUILD YEAR is the year the vehicle was completed. The specific date completed may differ from the manufacturer's model year designation e.g., 1970 Mustang completed in November 1969.
- 2.3 EFFECTIVE DATE is a date defined by the Technical Commission when this updated Technical Code will replace the prior Technical Code.
- 2.4 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER is the unique unaltered number assigned to the vehicle by the MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR.

- 2.6 MAKE is typically the trade name, brand or name used by the MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR at the time of construction.
- 2.7 MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR is an entity or person that built the vehicle.
- 2.8 MODEL, SERIES and TYPE are the designations, when available, that were used by the MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR at the time of construction.
- 2.9 NON-PERIOD TYPE MODIFICATIONS are as defined in MODIFICATIONS.
- 2.10 PERIOD is the time frame that the vehicle was in general use. For the purposes of FIVA, the duration of the PERIOD is the BUILD YEAR of the vehicle plus fifteen (15) years (e.g., if the BUILD YEAR = 1960 then the PERIOD is from 1960 to 1975). Due to World War II, the duration of the PERIOD is increased to twenty (20) years if the BUILD YEAR of a vehicle is from 1925 to 1945. The PERIOD duration may be increased for special circumstances (e.g., due to war, embargo, etc.).
- 2.11 PERIOD MODIFICATIONS are as defined in MODIFICATIONS.
- 2.12 PERIOD TYPE MODIFICATIONS are as defined in MODIFICATIONS.
- 2.13 SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED is as defined in 5.6.
- 2.14 VEHICLE IDENTITY is defined in 5.3.
- 2.15 Note: The term "number" used throughout this document includes numeric, alphanumeric (e.g., A543Y2) and other character sequences (e.g., B\*167B).

### **3 FIVA REGISTRATION NUMBER**

The FIVA REGISTRATION NUMBER is a unique and permanent number associated with a single VEHICLE IDENTITY, issued by FIVA, typically during the application process.

### **4 FIVA IDENTITY CARD**

- 4.1 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD is a standardized international document prepared by FIVA that summarizes the identity, technical specifications and history of a specific HISTORIC VEHICLE at the time of issuance.
- 4.2 FIVA may, upon application, issue a FIVA IDENTITY CARD to owners of vehicles that comply with the requirements of the Technical Code. The FIVA IDENTITY CARD remains the property of FIVA at all times.

- 4.3 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD is evidence of a vehicle's registration with FIVA as a HISTORIC VEHICLE.
- 4.4 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD number is a unique document number. During its lifetime a vehicle may have multiple FIVA IDENTITY CARDS issued and FIVA IDENTITY CARD numbers, all of which will refer to a single FIVA REGISTRATION NUMBER.
- 4.5 It is the owner's responsibility to provide demonstrable evidence and information to FIVA to document a vehicle and issue a FIVA IDENTITY CARD.
- 4.6 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD may include additional information obtained and reviewed by FIVA from other sources.
- 4.7 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD is evidence of the owner's declaration of intent to continue to preserve and maintain the vehicle in a historically correct and environmentally sound manner.
- 4.8 To issue a FIVA IDENTITY CARD, FIVA requires a physical inspection of the vehicle and report by FIVA or its authorized representative.
- 4.9 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD is valid for a maximum of 10 years from the date of issuance. The FIVA IDENTITY CARD becomes invalid if ownership is changed within the 10-year period. The new owner must make a new FIVA IDENTITY CARD application.
- 4.10 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD must be surrendered upon request by an authorized representative of FIVA and may be revoked by FIVA at any time.
- 4.11 The FIVA IDENTITY CARD is issued for the owner's general use and to qualify the vehicle for certain FIVA events.
- 4.12 FIVA provides an area on Page 1 of the FIVA IDENTITY CARD for the ANF to use for its own purposes that may include but are not limited to classification of vehicles.
- 4.13 FIVA reserves the right to decline to issue a FIVA IDENTITY CARD for any vehicle at any time.

## 5 VEHICLE IDENTITY

- 5.1 The most fundamental task for determining eligibility of a vehicle as a HISTORIC VEHICLE and for issuance of a FIVA IDENTITY CARD is to establish the accurate identity of the vehicle.

FIVA endeavors to identify a vehicle as precisely as possible; this may differ significantly from how a vehicle may be referred to in common parlance.

- 5.2 The chassis/frame or unibody is generally the primary bearer of the identity and history of a HISTORIC VEHICLE.

- 5.3 The VEHICLE IDENTITY is a full and accurate record of the following data:

- MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR, city, country
- MAKE, MODEL and SERIES (TYPE) designation
- IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
- BUILD YEAR

Examples: Officine Alfieri Maserati S.p.A., Modena (I)  
Maserati Ghibli SS Coupé (Tipo AM115/49)  
AM115/49\*0000\* 1971

B.S.A. Motor Cycles Limited, Birmingham (GB)  
BSA Spitfire Mk. II Special (A65.2SP)  
A50C0000 1966

Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz AG, Werk Ulm (D)  
Magirus-Deutz Jupiter 6x6 Pritschenwagen  
000.0000.000 1966

- 5.4 It is the obligation of the owner to carefully preserve and safeguard the physical elements (e.g., stampings, markings, plates, etc.) that substantiate the identity of the HISTORIC VEHICLE.
- 5.5 If a vehicle is SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED, the previous VEHICLE IDENTITY is considered cancelled and the modifying entity will be regarded as the MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR and the new date of completion as the BUILD YEAR.

5.6 For the purposes of FIVA, SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED shall mean:

- 5.6.1 If the chassis/frame or unibody has been materially modified (e.g., shortened, narrowed, wheelbase changed, strengthened, etc.) then the BUILD YEAR will be changed to the time that the vehicle was completed on the materially modified chassis and the MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR will be changed to the modifying entity.
- 5.6.2 If the chassis/frame or unibody has not been materially modified and three (3) or more of the following components are changed to NON-PERIOD TYPE MODIFICATION:
- Engine
  - Transmission
  - Front suspension/steering system
  - Rear suspension
  - Body

Then, the BUILD YEAR will be changed to the time that the vehicle was completed and the MANUFACTURER/ CONSTRUCTOR will be changed to the modifying entity.

## **6 VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS**

- 6.1 Modifications are all deviations from the condition as delivered from the MANUFACTURER/CONSTRUCTOR.
- 6.2 Modifications are to be described on the FIVA IDENTITY CARD with the date and modifying entity (if known). Such modifications will be differentiated by their historical significance and classified into the following categories:
  - 6.2.1 PERIOD MODIFICATIONS: These modifications are documented and confirmed to have been completed in PERIOD.
  - 6.2.2 PERIOD TYPE MODIFICATIONS: Modifications completed to a vehicle out of PERIOD of a kind that were used in PERIOD. Modifications performed and parts used must be to PERIOD specifications.
  - 6.2.3 NON-PERIOD TYPE MODIFICATIONS: Modifications not used in PERIOD or made using parts or technology not available in PERIOD. Such modifications may affect the BUILD YEAR (see VEHICLE IDENTITY).
- 6.3 It is the obligation of the owner to carefully document modifications performed to a HISTORIC VEHICLE such that future owners will know how the HISTORIC VEHICLE differs from its initial and previous conditions.



## 7 VEHICLE HISTORY

- 7.1 An important purpose of FIVA's efforts and the FIVA IDENTITY CARD is to document tangible and intangible elements of a vehicle's past for the benefit of current and future generations. It is the obligation of the owner to treat a HISTORIC VEHICLE as a cultural artefact (technical and cultural heritage) and to safeguard the vehicle's historic information. The presence of historic information about a vehicle is important evidence of the vehicle's authenticity and identity.
- 7.2 The following elements of a HISTORIC VEHICLE's history must be documented in summary in the FIVA IDENTITY CARD:
- 7.2.1 General: may include but is not limited to important data such as completion date, date shipped, sales agent or dealership, date of first road registration, damage (e.g. accidents), etc.
  - 7.2.2 Ownership: includes all previously known owners of the vehicle. At minimum the owner must provide information concerning the prior owner. Such information when known will include sales dates or approximations, owner name, city and country.
  - 7.2.3 Events: includes significant competition events, concours, or exhibitions (e.g., auto shows, etc.) and in certain cases more recent events. Such information when known will include dates, event name, entrants, results, city and country.
  - 7.2.4 Restoration Work: for the purpose of the FIVA IDENTITY CARD the documenting of "Restoration Work" shall include significant maintenance, repairs, preservation, conservation and restoration. Such information when known will include dates that the work took place, type of work, entity or person that performed the work, city and country.
- 7.3 Due to space limitations on the FIVA IDENTITY CARD it may be necessary to limit the information to the most important aspects for the HISTORIC VEHICLE being documented.

## **8 GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES . ANF (Authorised National Federation)**

- 8.1 The ANF must provide copies of the issued FIVA IDENTITY CARDS and associate application forms to the FIVA Technical Commission in a timely manner and consistent with the then current procedures.
- 8.2 In a country where there is an ANF, the owner of the HISTORIC VEHICLE road registered in that country must submit the application form for a FIVA IDENTITY CARD to that ANF. An ANF cannot issue a FIVA IDENTITY CARD for a vehicle that is road registered in another country.
- 8.3 For HISTORIC VEHICLES that are not road registered, the application for a FIVA IDENTITY CARD must be made to the ANF of the country of primary residence of the owner.
- 8.4 In a country where there is no ANF, the owner of a HISTORIC VEHICLE in that country must apply to the FIVA Technical Commission to obtain a FIVA IDENTITY CARD.
- 8.5 If an owner is denied a FIVA IDENTITY CARD, or disputes the VEHICLE IDENTITY or other aspects of the FIVA IDENTITY CARD issued by an ANF.  
The owner may appeal the case to the FIVA Technical Commission that may delegate its authority to a sub-commission.  
The decision reached by the FIVA Technical Commission will be final.

## **9 VEHICLE PERIOD CLASSIFICATION**

For FIVA events vehicles traditionally fall in the following classes:

- Class A (Ancestor) Vehicles built up to 31 December 1904.
- Class B (Veteran) Vehicles built between 1 January 1905 and 31 December 1918.
- Class C (Vintage) Vehicles built between 1 January 1919 and 31 December 1930.
- Class D (Post Vintage) Vehicles built between 1 January 1931 and 31 December 1945.
- Class E (Post War) Vehicles built between 1 January 1946 and 31 December 1960.
- Class F Vehicles built between 1 January 1961 and 31 December 1970 .
- Class G Vehicles built between 1 January 1971 and the FIVA age limit as defined by the HISTORIC VEHICLE DEFINITION.

## **10 OTHER**

- 10.1 Any further rules or decisions taken and published by the FIVA Technical Commission after the publication of this Technical Code must be considered as part of this code.

This DRAFT was prepared by the FIVA Technical Commission Working Group meeting on 2-3 October 2014 in The Hague.