

Department of Consumer Affairs
Bureau of Automotive Repair

Referee Inspection Procedures for Specially-Constructed Vehicles

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SPCN Definition

- Vehicle Code §580 defines a specially constructed vehicle (SPCN) as follows:

A “specially constructed vehicle” is a vehicle which is built for private use, not for resale, and is not constructed by a licensed manufacturer or remanufacturer. A specially constructed vehicle may be built from (1) a kit; (2) new or used, or a combination of new and used, parts; or (3) a vehicle reported for dismantling, as required by Section 5500 or 11520, which, when reconstructed, does not resemble the original make of the vehicle dismantled. A specially constructed vehicle is not a vehicle which has been repaired or restored to its original design by replacing parts.

Referee Inspection of SPCNs

- Health & Safety Code §44017.4 specifies:
 - (a) Upon registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles, a passenger vehicle or pickup truck that is a specially constructed vehicle, as defined in **Section 580 of the Vehicle Code**, shall be inspected by stations authorized to perform referee functions.

SB 100 (Johannessen)

- Allows owners to register a specially constructed vehicle (SPCN) as brand new, and exempted from Smog Check as if it were a 1965 or older model
- Passed in 2001

SB 100 Process

- DMV can allocate up to 500 SB 100 certificates ("Certificate of Sequence") per year
- Certificates are given on a first-come, first-serve basis

STATE OF CALIFORNIA SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED VEHICLE (SPCNS) CERTIFICATE OF SEQUENCE			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Sequence Number 2016XXX </div>			
(1) REGISTERED OWNER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		VEHICLE ID NUMBER	
(2) REGISTERED OWNER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		TIN	LICENSE PLATE
RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS		MAKE	YR FIRST SOLD
		SPCNS	2015
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE		ETM	
SACRAMENTO, CA		2D	
REPORTING UNIT NUMBER		DRIVER LICENSE/ID CARD NUMBER	
501	DATE ISSUED	REGISTERED OWNER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER	
		(707)	
<p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Code Section 580 defines a Specially Constructed Vehicle (SPCNS) as a vehicle built for private use, not for resale, and is not constructed by a licensed manufacturer or remanufacturer. An SPCNS vehicle may be built from a kit, new or used, or a combination of new and used parts, or a vehicle reported for dismantling, which, when reconstructed, does not resemble the original make of the vehicle dismantled. An SPCNS vehicle is NOT a vehicle which has been repaired or restored to its original design simply by replacing parts. • The Certificate of Sequence is issued to the registered owner(s) of a vehicle, and is only valid for the initial registration. THE CERTIFICATE IS NON-TRANSFERABLE. • The certified copy of this document must be submitted to the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) upon request. <p>All documents, including the SPCNS Certificate of Sequence, are required to complete the registration documentation process.</p> <p>If it is determined during the inspection processes conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), California Highway Patrol (CHP), and/or BAR that this vehicle does not meet the definition of a SPCNS, nor does it meet the criteria requirements for a Certificate of Sequence under Senate Bill 100 (Statutes of 2002), the registration application will be denied and this certificate will be null and void.</p> <p>By accepting this certificate for the above described vehicle, the registered owner accepts all terms with which the certificate is issued.</p> <p>REG 5075 (NEW 1/0510)</p>			

SB 100 Process

- Four steps to complete an SB 100 registration:
 1. Obtain a DMV Certificate of Sequence by completing an "Application for Registration" and a "Statement of Facts" form
 2. Obtain a VIN from the California Highway Patrol. Bring all paperwork and receipts showing VIN numbers for the vehicle's engine, transmission, and other major components
 3. Pass an inspection at a Smog Check Referee
 4. Bring all documents back to DMV to receive registration and plates



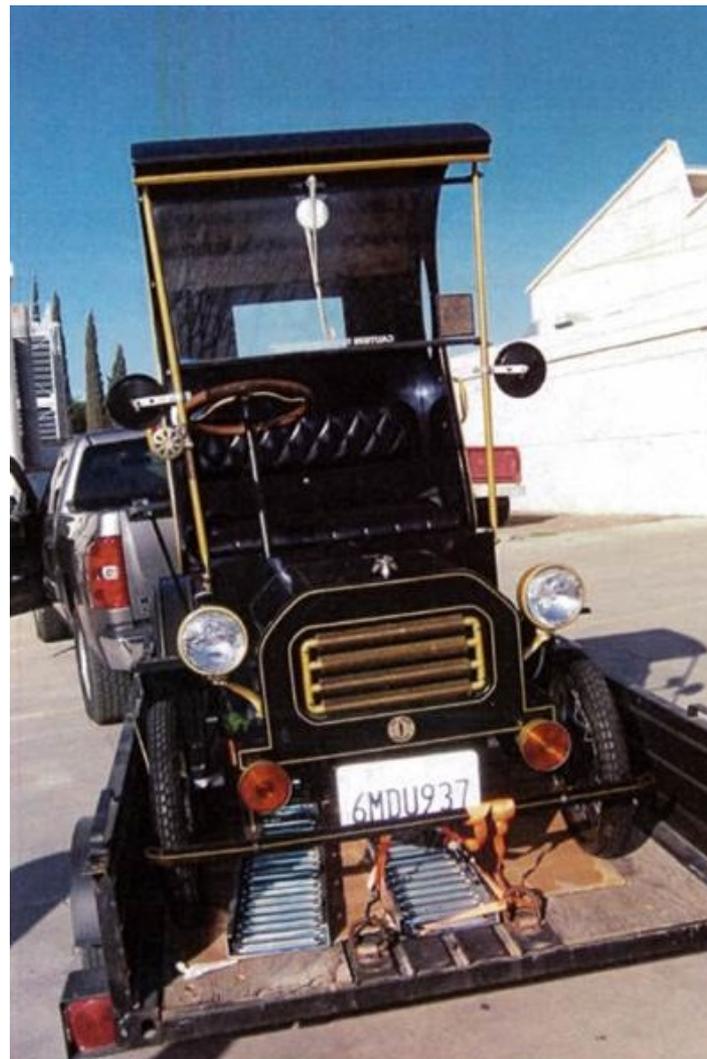


Typical Cobra kit car

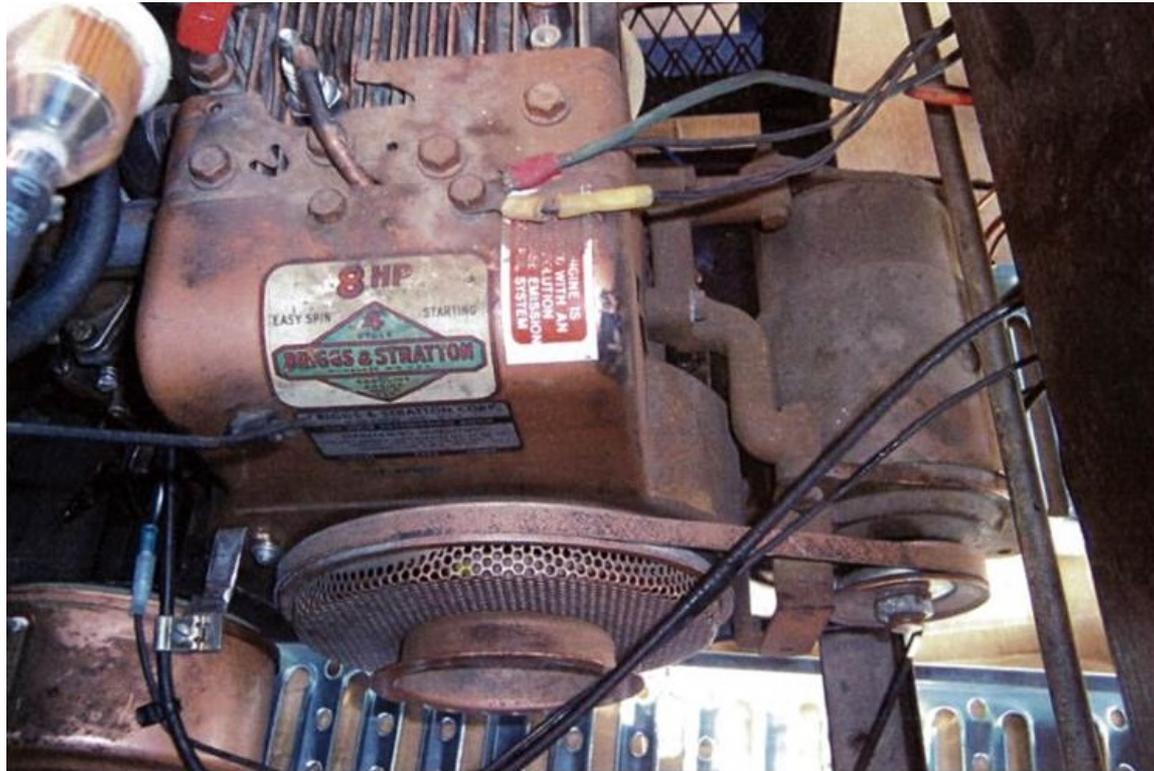


1983 Chevrolet K10 Blazer with 1960's vintage engine
and 1974 frame





1977 Carriage



Powered by a lawnmower engine



Sangyong – not a kit car



Dejong (Dee-Young) production off-road vehicle - not a kit car



Owner claimed he built this car from scrap parts and tubing 15



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The Fast and Speed (F&S) brand was born in 1988. For over 30 years, F&S has been engaging in developing race cars, used in the off-road racing (autocross).

The image shows a yellow and red dune buggy with 'www.fast-speed.com' printed on its side, parked on a grassy area next to a body of water. The background features a blue lake and some residential buildings in the distance. The logo at the top left consists of a stylized red 'S' shape.

Website for the same vehicle



Small volume manufacturer

2011 SPCN Chevy Caprice PPV Australia



A builder in Colorado is importing the Holden Commodore body and mating it to a Caprice PPV. (Grey Market? SPCNS?)



Audi Q7 from Mexico – not possible to meet US standards (*note CA plate*)



Datsun 280Z (Ferrari)



2016 SPCNS VW Dune Buggy



Factory Five GTM sold as a kit

Questions and Comments

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