

Information on Privately Owned Vehicle Inspection

All inspections are conducted in accordance with AER 190-1 Appendix C (<https://aepubs.army.mil/pdfpubs/AER190-1.pdf>)

Below are the most frequent items in question.

INSPECTIONS

Mechanical and safety inspections will be conducted at **no expense** to the POV owner at the on-post vehicle inspection stations.

- U.S. Forces members have also the choice to have the vehicle inspected locally at German *Technischer Überwachungsverein (TÜV)* (Technical Control Association) or *Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein (DEKRA)* (German Motor Vehicle Inspection Association). However, this inspection is associated with a fee which is non-reimbursable. This inspection is only valid for 30 days.

COURTESY INSPECTIONS

U.S. Forces members may obtain a courtesy inspection before selling or buying a U.S. Forces-registered POV or before buying a German-registered POV if the POV is properly registered and operational. The inspector will not inspect a vehicle that does not have a valid registration. The U.S. Forces member must be present for such inspections. At no time will inspections be provided to dealers. Only one U.S. Forces member will be allowed in U.S. Forces inspection facilities during an inspection.

GOOD TO KNOW

U.S. Forces-registered POVs must carry a **first-aid kit** that meets or exceeds German legal requirements and the standards of the *Deutsche Industrienorm (DIN)* (German Industry Standard) 13164. POV inspectors will check for a first-aid kit in the POV during the inspection. Inspectors will not open the kit. Kits must not exceed the expiration date.

U.S. Forces-registered POVs must carry an approved portable, reflectorized **warning triangle**. Inspectors will not open the warning triangle. Vehicles weighing more than 3.5 metric tons will

be rejected if they are not equipped with an approved warning triangle, four-way flasher, or portable flashing lamp.

U.S. Forces-registered POVs must carry a **reflective vest** to be used in case of vehicle breakdown.

Painting or markings resembling those normally used on U.S. Government-owned vehicles and markings that might associate a POV with a foreign government are **prohibited**. After-market luminous paintings or markings may be used only on the rear of a POV.

Registration Decals: Displaying unauthorized decals, stickers, or banners on U.S. Forces-registered POVs may result in cancellation of the vehicle registration, failure of the mechanical inspection, or both. U.S. installation and DOD decals must be removed before registering the vehicle in Germany. Authorized decals can be found at AER 190-1 Appendix C 3-19 (<https://aepubs.army.mil/pdfpubs/AER190-1.pdf>)

The use of decals and other material attached to the POV or displayed in windows **advertising commercial or home businesses** are prohibited. Displaying these types of decals and material on POVs will cause the POV to be rejected at the vehicle safety inspection and, if found later on the vehicle, will cause the registration to be canceled until the owner complies with this requirement.

Only **window tinting** manufactured within the glass by the manufacturer of the vehicle is authorized. Clear or tinted film is prohibited on the windshield and the driver and passenger front-door windows, but is allowed on the rear-door windows and the rear window. Vehicles found with after-market tinting on the windshield or the driver and passenger front-door windows during inspection will be rejected. And may result in cancellation of the vehicle registration until the owner complies with the requirements.

PLATES: Reasons for rejection:

- Vehicle registration plates mounted on the vehicle in a location other than the one specified by the manufacturer.
- Registration plates mounted using incorrect mounting brackets or not mounted directly to the bumper or vehicle body. Brackets may not cover any part of the letters or numbers on the mounted plate.

SHORT PLATES

To be issued two short plates or short plate in the front, the POV owner must request an exception to policy in writing. The POV owner must provide the following information:

- Vehicle Identification Number
- Make and Model

- Copy of the Application for Motor Vehicle Registration or Renewal and allied transaction form (AE Form 190-1AA) with the inspectors stamp.
- Pictures of the front and back of the license plate area demonstrating the need

Same applies when you need to request a short plate for a motorcycle.

Approving authority rests with the Director, BASOPS Maintenance Division, 405th Army Field Support Brigade and/or HQ USAREUR Vehicle Registry.

Request can be sent to the following e-mail address:

usarmy.bavaria.405-afsb.list.maintenance-div-pov-management@mail.mil

or BASOPS Maintenance Division, UNIT 28132, APO AE 09114-8132