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A guide to getting on the road

Hello,

This is the first time I've ever tried to register a kit car, and there doesn't seem to be any obvious procedure for doing this on the DVLA/VOSA website, so I've cobbled together the steps needed based on advice from forums, VOSA and the DVLA, comments and suggestions welcome. At this stage, I have just sent off for my SVA test, but this is the plan I intend to follow to get my car on the road.

Step 1)

Get the paperwork sorted out:

Make sure your driving license is all sorted out, and your address is up to date, else when you turn up at your local office, you'll be told to go to your local office at the other end of the country, to do this, you simply fill in your counterpart driving license and send it off to Swansea.

Make sure you have the V5 and any receipts for parts organised and handy.

Contact the DVLA and get the following forms:

INF26 - Guidelines for the registration of rebuilt or radically altered vehicles and kit cars. - This outlines what documents you will need when you come to register the car, and how they deal with age related plates etc.

INF54/1 - Registration Fee explanation.

INF148 - Licensing and Registering your Vehicle using V55/4 or V55/5 - Some information on accepted proofs of ID.

V149 - Some information on taxation brackets.

V355/5 - How to complete form V55/5 - Information on completing form V55/5.

V55/5 - Application for a first license for a used motor vehicle and declaration for registration - This is the registration form you will need to complete for a Locost before you can get a registration no.

V627/1 - Built up Vehicle inspection Report - This needs to be completed before you get your reg no. This is used to decide what type of plate you require, Age Related, Q etc.

Get the following forms from VOSA:

SVA 1 - This is the application form for your SVA test which you need before you register your car.

SVA 1 Notes - Information on completing the SVA application form.

Step 2) Complete Form V627/1

Use this form to keep track of part numbers, you will need a chassis number, if your chassis doesn't have one, make one up, it cannot contain the letter I use a 1 instead, it can be up to 17 alphanumeric characters long.

If you want an age related plate, then you need to use as many parts from the original donor as possible.

Create a name for your car; my car is an IE Cars Se7en, in Orange and Black.

Where possible enter the serial numbers of all parts listed from the donor vehicle, use the reg plate of the donor for the origin. You can get the engine number and some other numbers from the Donor's V5 form.

Keep this form safe for later.

Step 3) Apply for your SVA test

Fill in the Application for the SVA test using the chassis number on your V627/1 Form.

Send this off with a cheque for £150 to VOSA.

You may want to phone a few test centres up and check waiting times before deciding which one to use.

Step 4) - Get yourself insured.

Now that your car is roadworthy, get yourself insured through a specialist company, as you don't have a registration number yet, use the chassis number.

Step 5) - Get an MOT

This will outline any problems you have with brakes, lights etc and give you a good excuse to go for a short blat.

Step 6) - Get your MAC after passing the SVA test.

Step 7) - Complete form V55/5 as best you can using the data from your MAC cert, and V627/1.

Step 8) Go to your DVLA local office armed with:

- * Partially completed V55/1
- * Your cheque book for the license fee.
- * Form V627/1
- * MAC certificate from your SVA test
- * MOT Certificate (This may be required depending on who you speak to)
- * Insurance Certificate
- * Every bit of paper you have confirming your name, address, blood group, family history.....
- * V5 from donor vehicle
- * Lots of patience and a good book.

From there it's a bit of a grey area, but if things go well, you will get allocated a registration number and you will be good to go.

So what do you think guys? If it's any use I'll tidy it up, add the links to the online version of the forms, and put it up on my website somewhere.

Cheers

David