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Low Speed Vehicles Body Type

On August 11, 2013, PennDOT began capturing a new body type code of “LSV” for Low Speed Vehicles on vehicle records and titling credentials.

Low speed vehicles can be identified by examining the proof of ownership document. A Manufacturer’s Certificate of Origin will list an indicator of LSV/NEV/ZEV in the series or model field or designate that the vehicle complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 571.500. Out of state certificates of title usually list “Low Speed Vehicle” as a brand or will list “LV” or “LSV” in the body field.

Low speed vehicles do not meet Pennsylvania equipment standards. This type of vehicle is not equipped as required by the Vehicle Code and the regulations of the Department to be operated on Pennsylvania roadways. Therefore, when processing title applications, where the proof of ownership document indicates the vehicle as a Low Speed Vehicle, agents will need to enter the letters “LSV” in the box for body type on Form MV-1, “Application for Certificate of Title,” or Form MV-4ST, “Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Return/Application for Registration.” Agents who process title applications through the OLRP System will enter “LSV” in the body field. CARATs will reflect the body type as “LSV” and also “L Low Speed Veh” will appear in the registration prohibited field (REG PRO). In addition, the body type “LSV” will be printed on the Pennsylvania Certificate of Title in the “Body Type” field.

As a reminder, no registration may be issued to any low speed vehicles. If an operator attempts to issue registration to a vehicle with a LSV body type, they will receive an error message that reads “REGSTN PROHIBITED. PROH CODE NOT = R INVALID TAG TYPE/BODY TYPE COMBO.”

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