

# INFORMATION SHEET



THE UK  
VEHICLE RECYCLER  
CERTIFICATION SCHEME

## ABOUT THE SCHEME

THE UK VEHICLE RECYCLER CERTIFICATION SCHEME is a first for the UK vehicle recycling sector. It is run by VRA Certification Ltd, an independent not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, whose sole purpose is to manage and develop the UK's Vehicle Recycler Certification Scheme.

The aim of the certification scheme is to provide end users of reclaimed vehicle parts with the confidence that:

- The reclaimed vehicle part has been accurately identified, recorded, tested, removed and sold by a vehicle recycler that operates a robust quality management system; and that
- The reclaimed vehicle part has been marketed and sold by a vehicle recycler that has, and abides by, the appropriate environmental authorisations.

We work with two certification bodies, who scrutinise a vehicle recycler's policies and procedures, and audit each recycling site annually. This provides an independent, objective assessment of conformance.

## WHY CERTIFY?

AS THE UK VEHICLE RECYCLING SECTOR has grown substantially over the past decade, many vehicle recyclers now sell reclaimed parts online through both bespoke and publicly available sales platforms. However, the ever-increasing complexity of motor vehicles and their constituent parts places specific challenges on vehicle recyclers, to ensure that they are appropriately identified, tested, removed and documented.

The advent of on-line sales platforms, such as eBay, has gone a long way towards filling a key gap in the supply chain – making the product visible to sellers. It has also normalised the sale of reclaimed parts and has provided peace of mind to buyers.

On-line sales platforms, however, also attract sellers who dismantle vehicles without having the appropriate environmental authorisations in place. These sellers operate illegally and should not be allowed to compete with legally run vehicle recyclers.

We certify UK-based vehicle recyclers to ensure they conform with the **'UK STANDARD FOR RECLAIMED PARTS FROM END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES'**. This provides their customers with the confidence that the vehicle recycler operates legally and only markets quality assured reclaimed vehicle parts.



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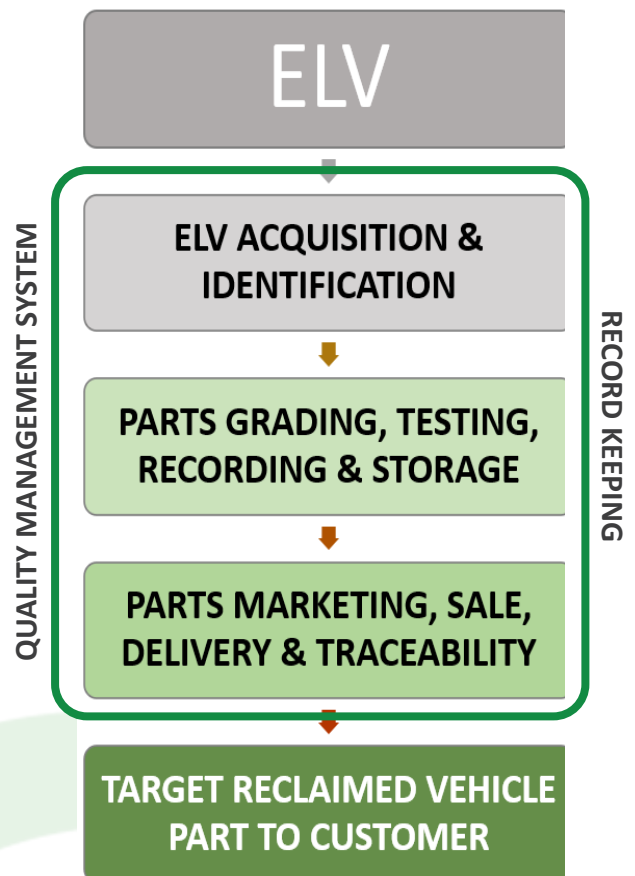
## WHAT IS INVOLVED?

CERTIFICATION INVOLVES AN ANNUAL AUDIT and review of a vehicle recycler's policies and procedures to ensure they meet the **UK STANDARD FOR RECLAIMED PARTS FROM END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES**. The standard was developed by industry over the past year and is wholly owned by the Vehicle Recyclers' Association (the leading trade body for the vehicle recycling sector).

The standard applies to UK-based vehicle recyclers operating an end-of-life vehicle authorised treatment facility, and includes requirements for:

- A quality management system;
- End-of-life vehicle acquisition and identification;
- Parts grading, testing, recording and storage; and
- Parts marketing, sale, delivery and traceability.

This means that every certified vehicle recycler operates a yard that is authorised by the environmental regulator and that they are also a registered scrap metal dealer by their relevant local authority.



## HOW TO APPLY

**GO TO OUR WEBSITE [WWW.VRACERTIFICATION.ORG.UK](http://WWW.VRACERTIFICATION.ORG.UK) AND COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM.**

You will need to let us know your:

- Waste management licence or permit number
- Scrap metal dealers licence number
- Waste carriers licence number

As part of the certification process you will also need to develop and/or make available the following documented site policies & procedures:

- Site management / quality management system
- Health & safety policy
- Fire prevention plan
- Parts grading procedure
- Recalls procedure
- Customer complaints procedure
- Contingency/business disruption procedure
- Staff training policy
- Record keeping/GDPR policy

**VRAC WILL BE PROVIDING GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS SETTING OUT WHAT IS REQUIRED.**

**IN THE MEANTIME, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES, PLEASE EMAIL US AT:**

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