

Chassis Modifications – Response from DVLA:

On 24 June 2001 I received a reply from DVLA in respect of my proposed chassis modifications, which to coin a phrase is very disappointing.

The implications are quite clear “any chassis alterations/modifications means I have to submit Muffin for an IVA Test, following this the DVLA will withdraw the current VIN and allocate a new VIN. This will be accompanied by the issue of a ‘Q’ plate and Muffin’s Historic Vehicle Status will be forfeited.”

I definitely do not want a ‘Q’ plate and I am now actively searching for a later unmodified chassis. In the event I have to use the original chassis I have a cunning plan “I will not modify the chassis. Instead I will modify the body by introducing body strengthening plates.” These will pick up on the original body mounting holes and basically consist of two flat plates that run from one side of the body to the other and hoop up over the transmission tunnel their location being such that the seats can be bolted through both the strengthening rails and the fibreglass body floor; there will also be additional body strengthening in the form of a roll over protection bar. The bonus to me is that a strengthened body will also strengthen the chassis. This method of body strengthening will not require DVLA notification.