

# Guide to identifying re-birthed caravans

This checklist can be used as a guide to assess the integrity of a caravan or trailer identity. By checking off the items in the “Yes” column below you can be more confident that the caravan or trailer has not been rebirthed or fraudulently tampered with.

## Evidence of VIN tampering on the drawbar or A-frame

<b>1</b>	Is there a VIN stamped or welded into the drawbar or A-frame?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2</b>	Is it the original drawbar or A-frame?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3</b>	Is the drawbar or A-frame free from recent and deliberate painting, grinding or scratching where identifiers could have been located?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Trailer plate information

<b>5</b>	Is the VIN on the plate free from marks or etches where it might have been changed or overwritten?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6</b>	Does the VIN have 17 characters (for caravans manufactured after 1988)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7</b>	Are the characters at least 2.5mm in height and embossed, indented, etched or engraved onto the trailer plate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>	Is the trailer plate affixed properly using pop-riquets, hammer drive screws or welding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>	Is the information below listed correctly on the trailer plate?		
	• The manufacture’s or importer’s name (‘Homemade’ not an acceptable name)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Vehicle/trailer model	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• VIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Date of manufacture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Aggregate Trailer Mass (ATM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Certification statement for new trailers		
	o “This trailer was manufactured to comply with the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989”	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Certification statement for imported used trailers		
	o “This trailer is an imported used trailer. It has been modified and assessed as complying with the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989”	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Registration details

<b>10</b>	Does information on the trailer plate match registration details? <i>Use the Check Rego app to compare details. Download for free using App Store, Google Play or search ‘Qld Check Rego’.</i>		
	• Manufacturer or importer’s name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Vehicle/trailer model	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• VIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Date of manufacture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Chassis and caravan body check

<b>11</b>	Is it the original chassis?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12</b>	Does the manufacturer listed on the trailer plate and registration details match the branding decals on the inside and outside of the caravan? <i>An incorrect example would be Jayco decals affixed to an AVAN caravan body.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the caravan or trailer that you are assessing displays a number of indicators in the “No” column you can:

- Seek further clarification by calling the Department of Transport and Main Roads on 13 23 80 and asking for Vehicle Standards, or
- Report this directly to your local Queensland Police Service station if you are concerned that the caravan has been rebirthed or fraudulently tampered with.