

Glossary of terms used in the VCA CoP Seminars

Acronym	Meaning	Description
CA	Corrective Action	Corrective Actions are improvements to an organisation's processes taken to eliminate causes of non-conformities.
CoC	Certificate of Conformity	Certificate of Conformity is the document issued by the manufacturer which certifies that a produced vehicle conforms to the approved type of vehicle and complies with all regulatory acts that were applicable at the time of its production.
CoP	Conformity of Production	Conformity of Production ensures that each vehicle, system, component and technical separate unit, part or equipment produced is in conformity with the approved type.
DVSA	Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency	DVSA is an executive agency of the Department for Transport. They are responsible for driving tests, MOT tests, carrying out tests to make sure lorries and buses are safe to drive, carrying out roadside checks on drivers and vehicles, and monitoring vehicle recalls.
EU	European Union	The European Union (EU) is an economic and political union between 27 European countries.
GB	Great Britain	Collective term for England, Scotland and Wales.
IATF	International Automotive Task Force	The International Automotive Task Force (IATF) is a group of automotive manufacturers which aims at providing improved quality products to automotive customers worldwide.
ISO	International Organization for Standardization	The International Organization for Standardization is an international standard-setting body composed of representatives from various national standards organizations. The organization develops and publishes worldwide technical, industrial and commercial standards.
L	Motorcycle category of vehicle	Motorcycles from scooters to quadracycles.
M	Passenger vehicle category of vehicle	Passenger vehicles including cars, minibuses and large busses.
N	Commercial vehicle category of vehicle	Commercial vehicles from small vans to large lorries.
NC	Non-Conformance	Non-conformance is the failure to meet one or more requirements.
NRMM	Non-Road Mobile Machinery	Non-Road Mobile Machinery is a mobile machine, transportable industrial equipment or vehicle with or without body work, not intended for the use of passenger or goods-transport on the road, in which an internal combustion engine is installed. In the presentations, reference is to these engines not the machinery itself.

NSSTA	National Small Series Type Approval	National Small Series Type Approval is a type approval scheme with a maximum number of vehicles that can be produced in one calendar year valid in one country only.
OBD	On-Board Diagnostics	On-Board Diagnostic (OBD) means a system on board a vehicle or connected to an engine which has the capability of detecting malfunctions, and, if applicable, of indicating their occurrence by means of an alert system, of identifying the likely area of malfunction by means of information stored in computer memory, and of communicating that information off-board.
PA	Preventative Action	Preventative action is a change implemented in part of a quality management system to ensure that non-conformances do not occur.
QMS	Quality Management System	A Quality Management System is a formal system that documents processes, procedures and responsibilities for achieving quality policies and objectives.
RC	Root Cause	Root Cause is the factor that led to a non-conformance.
RDW	Rijks Dienst Wegverkeer	Dutch Vehicle Type Approval Authority performing tasks on behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment.
RMI	Repair and Maintenance Information	Repair and Maintenance Information means all information required for diagnosis, servicing, inspection, periodic monitoring, repair, re-programming or re-initialising or the remote diagnostic support of the vehicle and which the manufacturers provide for their authorised dealers and repairers, including all subsequent amendments and supplements to such information. This information includes all information required for fitting parts or equipment onto vehicles.
STA	Swedish Transport Agency	The Swedish Transport Agency is the Swedish government agency responsible for Vehicle Type Approval on behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure.
STU	Separate Technical Unit	Separate Technical Unit means a device that is intended to be part of a vehicle that can be type-approved separately, but only in relation to one or more specified types of vehicle.
T	Tractor category of vehicle	
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe	UNECE is one of five regional commissions of the United Nations. UNECE includes 56 member States in Europe, North America and Asia.
UKNI	United Kingdom Northern Ireland	
VCA	Vehicle Certification Agency	Executive Agency of the Department of Transport and appointed as the vehicle type approval authority in the United Kingdom.

VIN

Vehicle Identification Number

17 digit alpha- numeric code assigned to a vehicle by the manufacturer in order to ensure proper identification of every vehicle.