

## 1.1 Body builder guidelines, inquiries

The body builder guidelines define the requirements for custom body builders and equipment fitters designing and mounting bodies or performing conversions to base vehicles of the Volkswagen Commercial Vehicles brand.

The body builder guidelines must be strictly adhered to when performing any modifications to the vehicle.

In all changes, it is necessary to ensure that the functional safety of all parts is guaranteed. These changes should only be carried out by expert personnel in accordance with the recognised rules of the motor trade.

Furthermore, the guidelines for repairs in VW customer service must be complied with, e.g. installation sequences and torques, etc.

Ensure that no modification adversely affects the functional reliability and safety of the running gear, the body or the electric system. Modifications must only be performed by qualified specialists and in accordance with the generally acknowledged rules of the automotive industry.

Prerequisites for modifications to used vehicles: The vehicle must be in a good overall condition, i.e. structural parts such as longitudinal and cross members, pillars etc. must not be corroded to such an extent that structural stability might be adversely affected.

Vehicles whose modifications might affect the validity of general certificate of roadworthiness must be presented to an authorised testing centre for approval. It is recommended to clarify in advance with the relevant authority whether approval is required.

When **inquiring** about planned modifications, please enclose two sets of design drawings of the complete scope of the modification, including weights, centre of gravity and dimensions, which also clearly show how the body is attached to the chassis. Please use the online contact form:

<http://www.vwn-aufbaurichtlinien.de/de/kontaktformular>

Please also provide information about the intended operating conditions of the vehicle. If bodies, installations or conversions comply with the present guidelines, no additional approval by Volkswagen AG is required for the presentation of the vehicle at the relevant authority examining roadworthiness.

The work safety regulations of the trade association and the EU machine directive apply.

When making modifications to vehicles, all corresponding and applicable legal regulations, rules, laws and directives must be observed.

**Note:** Subject to errors and technical amendments. The electronic version of the body guidelines is the decisive source of up-to-date data on body guidelines (online body guidelines). Data status July 2010