



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3304-6-01 Definitions.

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The following definitions apply to rules 3304-6-01 to 3304-6-03 of the Administrative Code:

(A) "Access Devices" means the equipment or devices used to allow a driver or passenger to access the interior of the vehicle while either in their wheelchair/scooter (e.g. platform lifts), or lifts the individual into the vehicle after transferring out of the wheelchair/scooter.

(B) "Aftermarket" means components used to modify a motor vehicle after the vehicle is purchased from the OEM.

(C) "Alterer" means someone who takes a completed vehicle out of compliance from the OEM and recertifies it for first retail sale.

(D) "Automotive adaptive equipment" means any device, mechanism, or equipment designed to enable an individual with a disability to operate a passenger car.

(E) "Certified," when referring to an individual, means an individual who has been trained in a specific skill or field and has been awarded a certificate for demonstrated proficiency in that skill or field. "Certified," when referring to a product, means the written, signed statement of a supplier attesting that a product meets a specified standard of construction, performance, or method of processing.

(F) "Certified driver rehabilitation specialist" (CDRS) means an individual who has obtained the necessary knowledge base and experience in the field of driver rehabilitation to successfully acquire and maintain certification.

(G) "Converter" means a company that is engaged in the process of modifying minivans, to lower the originally manufactured floor of the vehicle.



(H) "Driver rehabilitation specialist" (DRS) means a person certified by the association for driver rehabilitation specialists or its equivalent, and supervised by a CDRS, who measures a person's ability to safely operate a vehicle, teaches that individual to operate the equipment, and prescribes or specifies the automotive adaptive equipment necessary to permit an individual with a disability to drive safely and independently.

(I) "High Tech Integrated Driving Systems" means a system of joystick or multi-axis controls that are used to operate primary controls. High tech driving systems may run parallel or replace conventional accelerator, braking, or steering controls.

(J) "Inflatable restraint system" means a system consisting primarily of sensor(s), diagnostics, inflator(s), and module(s) which inflates a bag in certain vehicle crashes to assist in preventing the occupant(s) from impacting the interior frontal portion of the vehicle.

(K) "Left foot accelerator" means a device installed in a motor vehicle to the left of the brake pedal that allows the operation of the accelerator pedal by the left foot of the driver.

(L) "Motor Vehicle Modification" means the adaptation made to a passenger vehicle that permits an individual with a disability to access and use the vehicle as either a driver or passenger with an appropriate prescription or specification.

(M) "Manual Hand/Foot Controls" means a device to operate the accelerator and brake pedals by hand or foot.

(N) "Original equipment manufacturer" (OEM) means the original automotive manufacturer producing the vehicle such as Ford, General Motors, and DaimlerChrysler.

(O) "Pedal Extensions" means devices mounted to the brake pedal and/or accelerator pedal for use by a driver of short stature.

(P) "Pedal Guard" means a device installed in a motor vehicle to prevent access to the accelerator pedal and/or brake pedal.



(Q) "Primary controls" means the fundamental controls of the vehicle which are the acceleration, braking, and steering mechanisms.

(R) "Reduced effort steering system" means a steering system modification to the OEM power steering where the effort to steer the vehicle is reduced.

(S) "Reduced effort braking system" means a braking system modification to the OEM power braking where the effort to brake the vehicle is reduced.

(T) "Remote Switches" means the relocation of controls from the OEM location for ease of operation by a driver with a disability.

(U) "Subsystem" means a combination of parts which perform an operational function within a system and is usually a major subdivision of that system.

(V) "Turn Signal Extension" means a device that attaches to the OEM turn signal lever to allow a different location for activation.

(W) "Vehicle Modification Specification or prescription" is the formal recommendation by a CDRS, or DRS that includes specific recommendations for a vehicle modification.

(X) "Wheelchair Carrier" is a device used to transport a wheelchair for an individual. Carriers may include car top carriers as well as utility trailers used solely for the purpose of transporting the wheelchair.

(Y) "Wheelchair/Scooter Handling Device" is a manual or electrical device used to safely load or unload an unoccupied wheelchair or scooter from the vehicle or trailer.