



Modified Motorcycle Passes Road Test

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The following is a great example of the power of cooperation between government and its private sector partners, to provide excellent customer service and a safe highway system.

A gentleman, who uses a wheelchair to get around, submitted an application to ICBC for collector plates for his 1978 Honda CB400A motorcycle. ICBC became alarmed that previous modifications to the motorcycle, to accommodate the man's disability, could render the vehicle unsafe for highway operation.

The driver controls had been relocated to the sidecar, where the rider could operate the machine while seated in his wheelchair. CVSE Area Vehicle Inspector Neil Brown, of the Chilliwack Office, arranged to have the modified motorcycle undergo a Private Vehicle Inspection Program inspection.

The inspection was done by Authorized Inspector Ron Block, of 3-D Cycles, in Abbotsford. His inspection of the motorcycle uncovered some safety defects that were subsequently repaired. Due to the vehicle's unconventional configuration, Ron then contacted Neil, to come and oversee the final part of the vehicle inspection. Neil did the road testing, and found the motorcycle to be a stable vehicle with sufficient power to maintain highway cruising speeds. As well, the vehicle's brakes were more than adequate to stop the motorcycle safely.

The vehicle passed inspection by complying with all the applicable criteria for a motorcycle, and was issued an inspection decal by Ron. ♦



CVSE Area Vehicle Inspector Neil Brown road tests the modified motorcycle.



Front view of the adapted Honda with wheelchair sidecar.