



County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Specifications

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Purpose/Objective

To aid in maintaining a cost effective fleet it is essential that there be some form of standardization. This helps to keep inventory costs low for parts and lubricating fluids. This also helps to reduce training costs.

Procedure

When purchasing vehicles, the following factors will be considered:

- Type of vehicle or equipment required to perform tasks required.
- Maintenance costs and fuel economy.
- Appropriate options to aid in higher resale.
- Conditions in which vehicle or equipment is operated.
- Price.
- Reliability.
- Past history of service and parts availability.

All vehicles will be equipped initially with a fire extinguisher and first aid kit. The agency that rents unit will be responsible to refill or replace first aid kits and fire extinguishers as required.

Light trucks will be purchased as $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4 standard cabs long box, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton 4x4 extended cab short box, or $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 4x4 extended cab short box diesels. Type of truck or vehicle will be assessed on a per unit basis.

Should it make economic sense a small fuel efficient SUV may be purchased over a full size light truck. Replacement schedules may be affected in this instance as it is not easy to move around inside the fleet to obtain required mileage to replace.