Updating SPECS Database in PC-Crash - North American vehicles
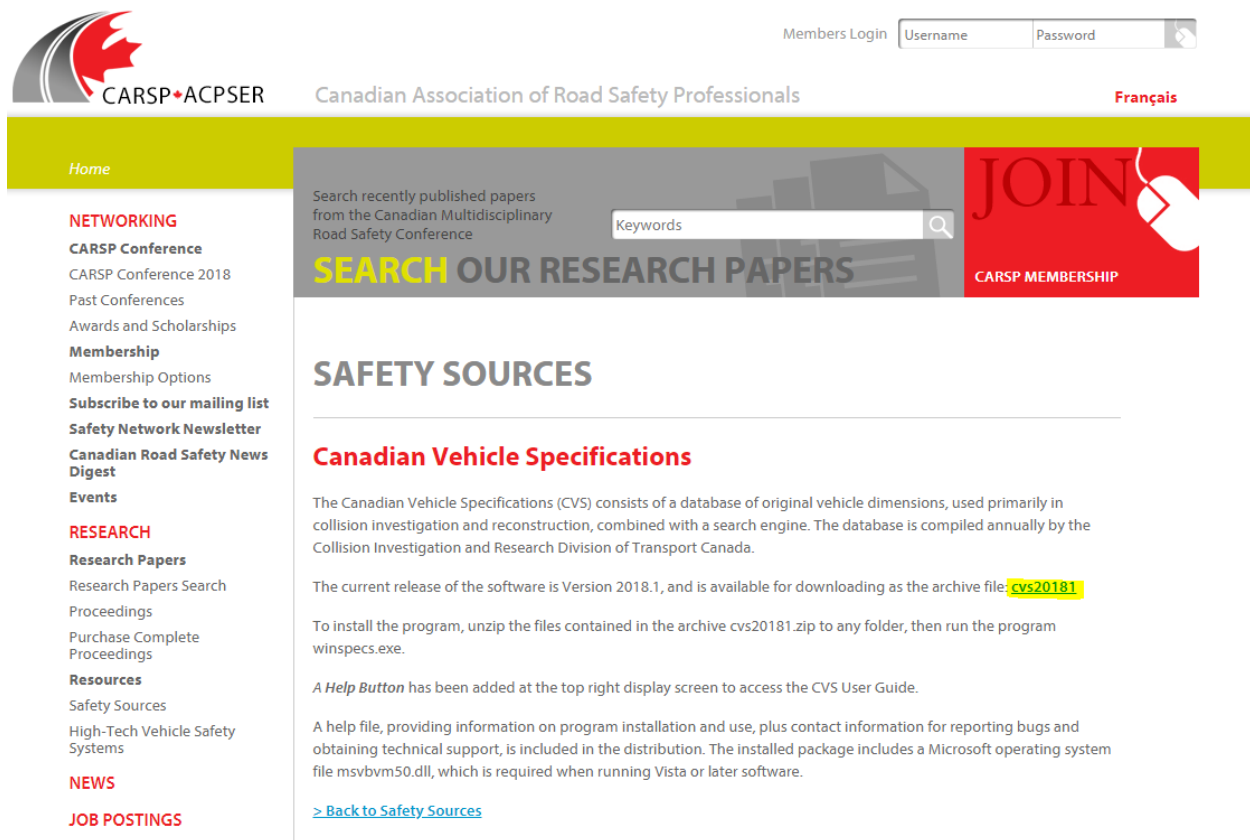
Please note the following instructions are for the North American vehicle database.

PC-Crash will not automatically add new vehicles each year. In order to update your car database, you will need to download the latest 'SPECS' file (North American vehicles).

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Please click the following link to download the current release of the SPECS vehicle database.

http://www.carsp.ca/research/resources/safety-sources/canadian-vehicle-specifications/

Once on the webpage, click the download link (highlighted in above screenshot) to begin downloading the latest release. Once the zip folder has been downloaded, unzip the files and save the latest year to the 'specs' folder within your 'PCCrash*xxx*' folder.
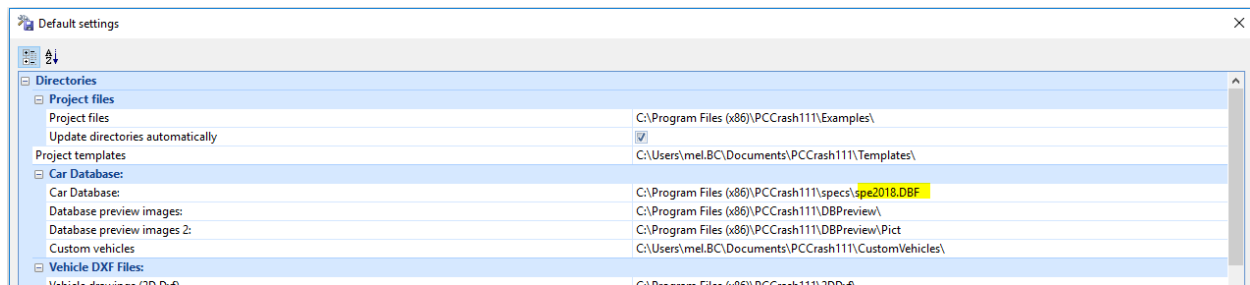
xxx - the last three digits denote the PC-Crash version you have installed on your computer ie. 111 is version 11.1, 102 is version 10.2, etc.
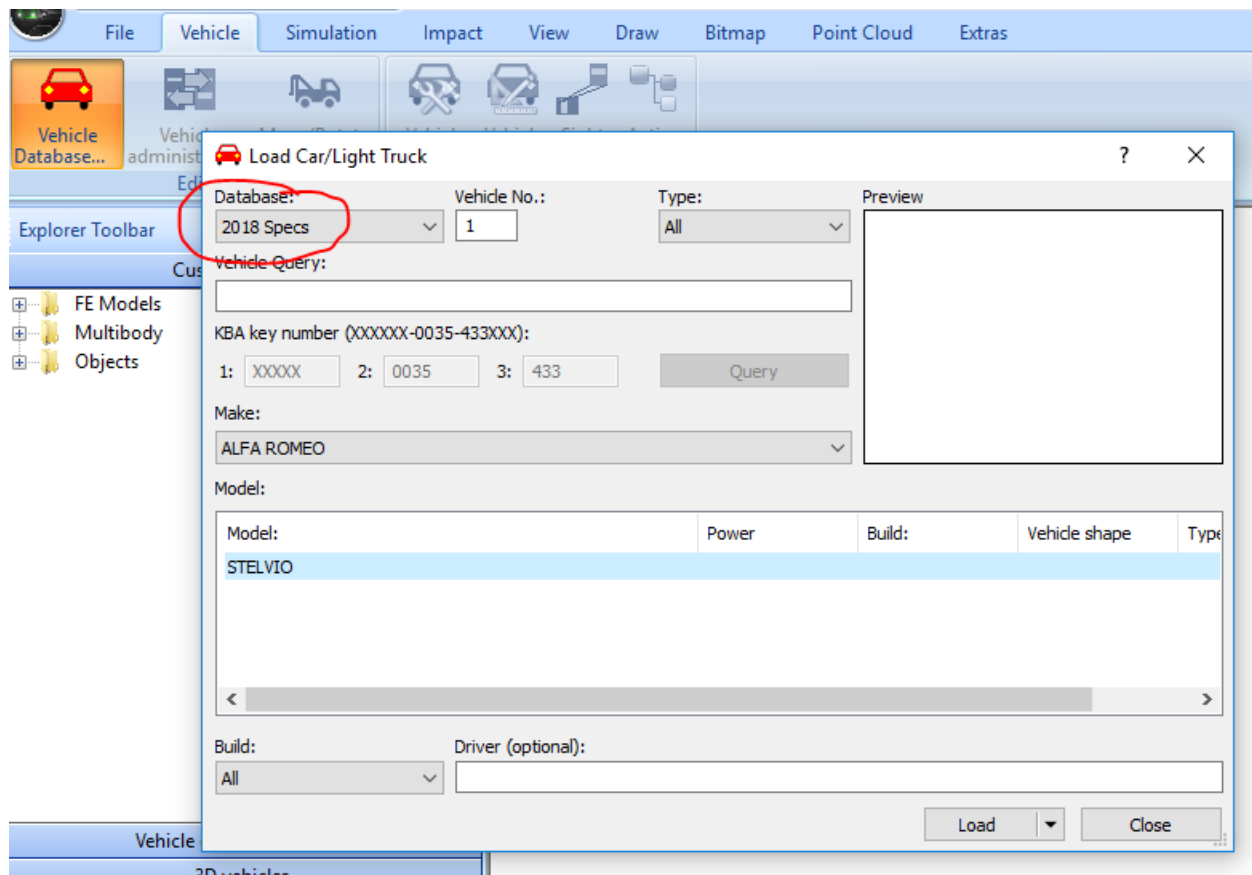
Next you will need to update the directory in Default Settings, see screenshot below.

When you access the Vehicle Database in PC-Crash, you should now see the latest year:
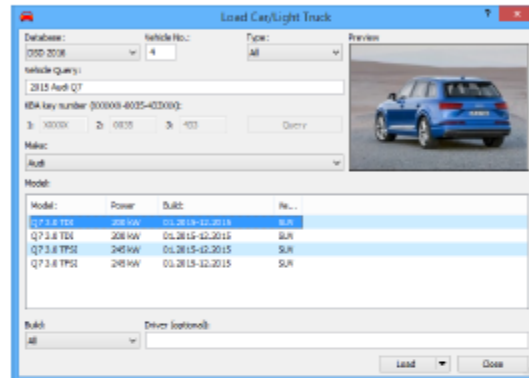
Some notes from the manual regarding the Vehicle Database:

4.2.1.1 Vehicle Database

This tool is for loading vehicles contained in a database. It brings up a vehicle database dialog box, which lists vehicles included in the database.

All databases must be in the same directory, and the DSD ((C:/Program Files (x86)/PCCrashXX/specs/DSD XX.db) has to be selected in the <File> <Options> – Directories Car Database box. Otherwise the symbol is grey and it is not possible to open car database.

Database

Selects the database to be used. If all databases are in the same directory, and one of them has been selected in the <File> <Options> – Directories Car Database box, then any of these databases can be selected from this drop down list.

Currently the following databases are supported:

- DSD Database (included in PC-CRASH)

- DSD Japan (included in PC-CRASH)

- KBA Database - German department for motor vehicles (included in PC-CRASH)

- Database Ing. Vyskocil (included in PC-CRASH)

- Database ADAC (included in PC-CRASH)

- Specs (North American) - Canadian Vehicle Specifications System (Transport Canada)[1]:

  The North American Specs database contains vehicle dimensions and weights of cars and light trucks. No power or transmission information, or motorcycle or heavier truck data is provided, as it is in some of the European databases. The difference between the selection of these is that the year selected will be the default year that the vehicle database dialog box is initially set at. In contrast to the DSD database, a vehicle is only available in the year in which it first appeared on the market.

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