

Engineering Plant



- Movable plant or equipment being a motor vehicle or trailer specially designed and constructed for the special purposes of engineering operations, and which cannot, owing to the requirements of those purposes, comply with all the requirements of these Regulations and which is not constructed primarily to carry a load other than a load being either excavated materials raised from the ground by apparatus on the motor vehicle or trailer or materials which the vehicle or trailer is specially designed to treat while carried thereon.
- A mobile crane which does not comply in all respects with these Regulations.

Historic Vehicles

- **MoT testing exemption** - vehicles 1st registered more than 40 years ago providing no substantial changes have been made to the vehicle in the last 30 years.(including vehicles previously exempted on the basis of being 1st registered before 1960). Different rules apply to large vehicles.
- **Vehicle tax exemptions** - vehicles constructed more than 40 years ago before 1st January each year or if that date is unknown, vehicles 1st registered 40 years before 8th January each year are exempt vehicle tax from 1st April of that year.

Living Van

A vehicle used primarily as living accommodation by one or more persons, and which is not also used for the carriage of goods or burden which are not needed by such one or more persons for the purpose of their residence in the vehicle.



Works Trailer

A trailer designed for use in private premises and used on a road only in delivering goods from or to such premises to or from a vehicle on a road in the immediate neighbourhood, or in passing from one part of any such premises to another or to other private premises in the immediate neighbourhood or in connection with road works while at or in the immediate neighbourhood of the site of such works.

Works Truck

A motor vehicle (other than a straddle carrier) designed for use in private premises and used on a road only in delivering goods from or to such premises to or from a vehicle on a road in the immediate neighbourhood, or in passing from one part of any such premises to another or to other private premises in the immediate neighbourhood or in connection with road works while at or in the immediate neighbourhood of the site of such works.





Disabled persons vehicles Motability Motor Cars



A motor car not exceeding 3500kg maximum weight and used by or for the purposes of a disabled person in recipient of Personal Independence Payment, Adult Disability Payment, War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement or Armed Forces Independence Payment may attract a reduced or nil rate of vehicle licence fee and may also benefit from ULEZ exemptions. The car may or may not be adapted.

The user may hold a disabled persons parking permit, a 'Blue Badge' providing exemptions from some parking restrictions (see Chapter 28 Page 8). Vehicles are leased and will be registered to Motability.

Invalid carriages

Invalid Carriages are **single seat vehicles** specially designed and constructed for the use of a person suffering from some physical defect or disability and solely used by such a person. Vehicles and drivers benefit from exemptions including insurance and testing but may be required to comply with certain conditions.



Invalid carriages not exceeding 254kg unladen

An example was the 'invacar' the 3 wheeled blue microcar which was provided free of charge to disabled drivers. The scheme has since been replaced by the Motability Scheme which provides both cars not classed as invalid carriages (see above) and scooters which do fall within this class (see below).

Motability Scooters

*Use of Invalid Carriages on Highways Regulations 1988
Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970*



These are Class 1, 2 and 3 single seat Invalid Carriages which must comply with prescribed requirements and be used in accordance with prescribed conditions including use solely by the disabled.

They are not classed as motor vehicles if used as prescribed (except for the purpose of *section 22A Road Traffic Act 1988* - causing danger to road users) and Sections 1 to 4, 21, 34, 83, 163, 170 and 181 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 do not apply (see Page 2).

Consider where applicable Section 12 Licensing Act 1872 - drunk on a highway or other public place while in charge of a carriage.



Class 1 Invalid Carriages

- Not exceeding 113.4 kg unladen
- No mechanical propulsion.



Specification of Registration Plates

Requirements for Registration Plates



Regulations 10, 18 and Schedule 2 Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001


- **Sch2 Part A1** Vehicles registered and replacement registration plates fitted (except to historic vehicles) **on or after 01/09/2021** made of retroreflecting material, complies with BS AU 145e.
- **Sch2 Part 1** Vehicles registered **on or after 01/09/2001 and before 01/09/2021** made of retroreflecting material, complies with BS AU 145d.
- **Sch2 Part 2** Vehicles registered **on or after 01/01/1973 and before 01/09/2001** made of reflex-reflecting material, complies with BS AU 145a or comply with Parts 1 or A1 above..
- **Sch2 Part 3** Vehicles constructed **before 01/01/1973 (or constructed before 01/01/1980 if classed as an historic vehicle for vehicle tax purposes*)** black and white/silver plates or comply with any of the above parts. * *See Chapter 2 Page 7.*



Layout of Registration Marks

Regulations 12, 13, 14 and Schedule 3 Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001

- **Part 1** Table A Permitted layouts for registration marks.
- **Part 2** Diagrams showing permitted layouts.
- **Part 3** Table B Stroke and character width, spacing and margins.

Vehicles registered and plate replacements issued on or after 01/09/2001		
 ZD73 ZLK	Any vehicle	Optional for Motorcycles, tricycles, quadricycles, agricultural machines, works trucks road rollers.
Height (+/- 1mm)	79mm	64mm
Width (+/- 0.5mm)	50mm	44mm
Stroke	14mm	10mm
Margins Upper/lower (minimum)	11mm	11mm
Margins Side (minimum)	11mm	11mm
Space between characters	11mm	10mm
Space between No.1's or I's	11 - 54mm	10 - 40mm
Space between 1 or I and another character	11 - 33mm	10 - 25mm
Space between groups	33mm	30mm
Space between rows	19mm	13mm



Dimensions must be within :-

- 1mm for height, and
- 0.5mm in any other case.

ZD73 ZLK International distinguishing sign (Dual Purpose Plate)

Regulation 16 Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks)

Regulations 2001

The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment)

Regulations 2009

An approved international distinguishing sign or Country Identifier (UK) may be applied to the extreme left hand edge of a plate.



If a plate does not have the UK sign incorporated, a separate UK sticker should be displayed on the rear of the vehicle when used outside the UK or Ireland (and it is advised to cover the GB or other identifier).

England, ENG, Eng, SCOTLAND, Scotland, SCO, Sco, CYMRU, Cymru, CYM, Cym, WALES or Wales are permitted together with the national flags of the Great Britain, England, Scotland or Wales.

Northern Ireland or NI is not permitted.



Height minimum 98 mm, width 40 - 50 mm or proportionately smaller for plates with 2 rows of characters.



Unless it forms part of a dual purpose plate, a registration plate may not be combined with a plate or device of any kind containing material which would not be permitted to be displayed on a dual purpose plate provided the plate or other device was originally fixed to the vehicle and complied with the requirements before 2300 hrs 31/12/2020.

Personalised Registrations

Personalised Plates may be displayed on vehicles providing they do not show that the vehicle is newer than it actually is.

Applications and authorisations for transfer are made via DVLA.

A number plate can be withdrawn by DVLA when they have been informed of a plate not conforming with the regulations being used on the road. Usually a warning letter will be sent to the registered keeper before doing so.

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