
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Vehicles (Tests)
(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1992**

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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45 and 46 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(1), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 2nd January 1993.
2. The Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981(2) shall be further amended in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
3. In regulation 20(3A), for sub-paragraphs (i) to (vi) there shall be substituted
 - “audible warning instruments;
 - direction indicators;
 - doors and other openings;
 - emissions;
 - glass and field of vision;
 - hazard warning signal device;
 - lamps;
 - mirrors;
 - rear retro reflectors;
 - registration marks;
 - seat belts;
 - vehicle identification numbers;

(1) 1988 c. 52; section 45 was amended by paragraph 52 of Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40).
(2) S.I. 1981/1694; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/1126, 1989/1694, 1991/1525 and 2229, and 1992/566 and 1609.
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or windscreen cleaning.”

4.—(1) Schedule 2 (as substituted by regulation 11 of the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1991(3)) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 2 (which relates to Class III vehicles)—

(a) in the table in sub-paragraph (b), after item 20, there shall be inserted the following item—

“20A	66	Plates”;
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(b) in the table in sub-paragraph (d), in item 27, before “18” there shall be inserted “17,” .

(3) In paragraph 4 (which relates to Class V vehicles)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), for “22 and” there shall be substituted “20, 22,” and after “26” there shall be inserted “and 28”;

(b) in the table in sub-paragraph (b), after item 29 there shall be inserted the following item—

“29A	25	Tyre Load and Speed Ratings”.
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(4) In paragraph 5 (which relates to Class VI vehicles)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), after “22,” there shall be inserted “24,”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (b), item 34 shall be omitted.

(5) In paragraph 6 (which relates to Class VII vehicles), for “27 and 34” there shall be substituted “13 and 15 to 29A”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

11th December 1992

Kenneth Carlisle
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981.

Regulation 20 of the 1981 Regulations enables a re-examination to be carried out free of charge after a failure if the re-examination is on the same or the next day, at the same station as the original examination and limited to certain items. The amendments extend the list of items by adding:

- doors and other openings;
- glass and field of vision;
- hazard warning signal device;
- mirrors;
- registration marks; and
- vehicle identification numbers.

The purpose of a test under the 1981 Regulations is to ascertain whether a vehicle meets the “prescribed statutory requirements”. The prescribed statutory requirements are set out in Schedule 2 to those Regulations. Regulation 10 of the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1991 (S.I. 1991/2229) amended the 1981 Regulations by substituting a new Schedule 2 with effect from the 1st January 1992. Regulation 11 of the 1991 Regulations substituted another new Schedule 2 with effect from the 1st January 1993.

These Regulations amend Schedule 2, as substituted by regulation 11 of the 1991 Regulations, as follows:

- (a) A new item 20A is inserted and is made to apply to Class III, IV and VII vehicles. It prescribes the requirements of regulation 66 of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (S.I. 1986/1806) (“the C & U Regulations”) which relates to plates for goods vehicles and buses.
- (b) Paragraph 4 is amended so that item 21 no longer applies to Class V vehicles. The item prescribes regulation 67 of the C & U Regulations which relates to vehicle identification numbers.
- (c) Item 24 is extended to Class VI vehicles. The item prescribes regulations 18 and 23 of the Road Vehicles (Lighting) Regulations 1989 (S.I. 1989/1796) which relates to rear registration plate lamps.
- (d) Item 27 originally prescribed regulations 18, 19 and 20 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971 (S.I. 1971/450). The item is amended so that it also prescribes regulation 17 of the 1971 Regulations which relates to the form of registration marks. The item already applies to Class III, IV and VII vehicles, which are accordingly affected by the amendment.
- (e) Item 28 is extended to Class V and VII vehicles. The item prescribes regulation 61 of the C & U Regulations which relates to exhaust emissions.
- (f) Item 29 is extended to Class VII vehicles and paragraph 6 is amended so that item 14 no longer applies to vehicles of that Class. The effect is that regulation 17 of the C & U Regulations becomes a prescribed statutory requirement for Class VII vehicles. Regulation 17 relates to brake warning devices.

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- (g) Item 34 prescribed regulation 25 of the C & U Regulations, which relates to tyre load and speed capacity. Item 34 has been revoked and re-enacted as item 29A. The provision is extended to Class V vehicles.