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## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment)  
(No. 3) Regulations 1972**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>29th June 1972</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>7th July 1972</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>28th July 1972</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 64(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1962(b) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of the said Act of 1960, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1972, and shall come into operation on 28th July 1972.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1969(d), as amended (e), shall have effect as though—

(1) after Regulation 13 there were inserted the following Regulation:—  
“CONSTRUCTION OF PETROL TANK

13A. Every motor vehicle first used on or after 1st July 1973 and not manufactured before 1st February 1973 shall be so constructed that—

- (a) any tank, in which petroleum-spirit as defined in section 23 of the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928(f) used either for the propulsion of the vehicle or for the driving of any ancillary engine or equipment forming part of the vehicle is contained, is made only of metal;
- (b) the said tank is fixed on the vehicle in such a position that it is reasonably secure against its being damaged; and
- (c) the leakage of any liquid or vapour from the said tank is adequately prevented so, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be taken to preclude the tank being fitted with a device which by the intake of air or the emission of vapour relieves changes in pressure in the tank.”; and

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(a) 1960 c. 16.

(b) 1962 c. 59.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(d) S.I. 1969/321 (1969 I, p. 829).

(e) There is no relevant amending Instrument.

(f) 1928 c. 32.

- (2) after Regulation 80 there were inserted the following Regulation—  
“*MAINTENANCE OF PETROL TANK*  
80A. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be so maintained that—
- (a) any tank, in which petroleum-spirit as defined in section 23 of the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928 used either for the propulsion of the vehicle or for the driving of any ancillary engine or equipment forming part of the vehicle is contained, is reasonably secure against its being damaged, and
  - (b) the leakage of any liquid or vapour from the said tank is adequately prevented so, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall be taken to preclude the tank being fitted with a device which by the intake of air or the emission of vapour relieves changes in pressure in the tank.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.  
29th June 1972.

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Minister for Transport Industries,  
Department of the Environment.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1969 by—

- (1) requiring petrol tanks on motor vehicles first used on or after 1st July 1973 to be made of metal and to meet certain other requirements, and
- (2) requiring petrol tanks on motor vehicles, irrespective of when the vehicles were first used, to be so maintained that the tanks are reasonably secure against being damaged and are free from leakages.

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