
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 561

**The Road Vehicles (Display of
Registration Marks) Regulations 2001**

PART II

REGISTRATION PLATES

Further requirements for registration plates

11.—(1) No reflex-reflecting material may be applied to any part of a registration plate and the plate must not be treated in such a way that the characters of the registration mark become, or are caused to act as, retroreflective characters.

[^{F1}(1A) The surface of a registration plate must not comprise or incorporate any design, pattern or texture, or be treated in any way which gives to any part of the plate the appearance of a design, pattern or texture.]

(2) A registration plate must not be treated in any other way which renders the characters of the registration mark less easily distinguishable to the eye or which would prevent or impair the making of a true photographic image of the plate through the medium of camera and film or any other device.

(3) A registration plate must not be fixed to a vehicle—

- (a) by means of a screw, bolt or other fixing device of any type or colour,
- (b) by the placing of a screw, bolt or other fixing device in any position, or
- (c) in any other manner,

which has the effect of changing the appearance or legibility of any of the characters of the registration mark, which renders the characters of the registration mark less easily distinguishable to the eye or which prevents or impairs the making of a true photographic image of the plate through the medium of camera and film or any other device.

(4) Section 59(2)(a) of the Act (regulations the contravention of which attracts a level 3 fine) applies to paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this regulation.

F1 [Reg. 11\(1A\) inserted \(22.11.2002\) by The Road Vehicles \(Display of Registration Marks\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2687\), regs. 1, 3](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001, Section 11.