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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 561**

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

**PART II**

**REGISTRATION PLATES**

**Fixing of front registration plates: vehicles registered on or after the relevant date**

**6.—**(1) This regulation applies to vehicles, other than works trucks, road rollers and agricultural machines, first registered on or after the relevant date.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (5), a registration plate must be fixed on the front of the vehicle in the manner required by paragraph (3).

(3) This paragraph requires the plate to be fixed—

- (a) vertically or, where that is not reasonably practicable, in a position as close to the vertical as is reasonably practicable,
- (b) in such a position that in normal daylight the characters of the registration mark are easily distinguishable from every part of a relevant area having the diagonal length specified in paragraph (4).

(4) The diagonal length of the relevant area is—

- (a) in the case of a mark having characters the width of which is at least 57 millimetres, 22 metres,
- (b) in the case of a mark having characters the width of which is 50 millimetres, 21.5 metres,
- (c) in the case of a mark having characters the width of which is 44 millimetres, 18 metres.

(5) In the case of a motor cycle or a motor tricycle which does not have a body of a type which is characteristic of the body of a four-wheeled vehicle—

- (a) a registration plate must not be fixed on the front of a vehicle if it was first registered on or after 1st September 2001,
- (b) a plate need not be fixed on the front of the vehicle if it was first registered before 1st September 2001.